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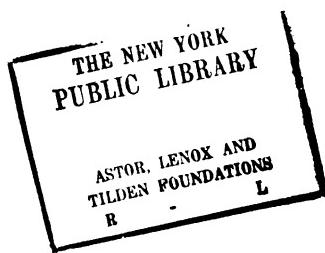
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ability, time and labor for the benefit of his constituents and the best interests of the commonwealth. After three terms in the assembly, however, he declined further political preferment and resumed the practice of medicine. He always regarded this as his life work and made it a field of service for his fellowmen, actuated in all of his professional duties by a broad humanitarianism and most earnest desire to serve those among whom he lived. Full of years and honors, he passed away at the age of ninety-four, his life record being terminated on the 13th day of January, 1894. His memory, however, is yet sacredly cherished by those who were his colleagues and associates while he was still an active factor in the affairs of life.

Martin B. Bushnell is fortunate in that he has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished and is happy in that his lines of life have been cast in harmony therewith. Like his father, he has cared little for official honors and emoluments, although he was once democratic candidate for state senator and on that occasion—1897—polled a vote far in excess of the general ticket. A life-long resident of Mansfield, he was educated in its public schools and in Norwalk Institute at Norwalk, Ohio, and Dennison University at Granville, this state, spending the year 1852 as a student in the former and the year 1856 in the latter institution.

Entering upon his business career, he was first employed as salesman in the dry-goods store of Scattergood & Penrose and later represented in a similar capacity the book houses of Ticknor & Sturges and Ticknor & Bowland. He passed from this position to that of clerk in the ticket office of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad Company at Crestline, Ohio, and through the period of the Civil war was connected with train service. Successive promotions followed as he became a clerk in the freight department, afterward in the yardmaster's office and still later a conductor between Crestline and Pittsburg. In the last named capacity he at first had charge of a freight train but his ability soon gained him recognition in an appointment as conductor of the finest and fastest express and passenger train. He was one of four conductors chosen by the superintendent to run special trains promptly to handle government business in both small and large consignments. After four years' service on the road Mr. Bushnell accepted the general agency at Mansfield, Ohio, for the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad, then known as the Broad Gauge Line, now a part of the Erie system. Accepting the position of general agent of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway, operated by the Pennsylvania Company, Mr. Bushnell continued in that position for many years at Mansfield. He also became connected with important business enterprises of the county, especially as a representative of its financial interests. He was the cashier of the Richland National Bank, of Mansfield, and a director in both the Mansfield Savings Bank and the Richland Savings Bank. A little thoughtful consideration of his career will indicate something of his constantly expanding powers and developing executive ability and administrative force. He is now numbered among the capitalists of the city as the result of well conducted business affairs and judicious investment. His entire business career has been actuated by a fidelity of purpose and unfaltering integrity of methods.

that has made his name an honored one among those with whom he has been associated, while his course has won him the admiration of all who know aught of his career.

His business record would alone entitle him to representation among the prominent residents of Richland county but there is another side to his nature which is well known to his fellow-citizens, not because of any ostentation or display but because his labors have been of so beneficial a character in charitable and benevolent lines. In 1899 he was appointed by Governor Bushnell a delegate to the National Society of Charities and Corrections at Austin, Texas, and Governor Nash in 1901 selected him to serve as a delegate to a similar convention at Washington, D. C. He was appointed by the governor a trustee of the Columbus State Hospital at Columbus, Ohio, which is said to be the largest in the world. He has brought to bear in his work in these connections not only ability similar to that manifest in his business career but also the broad humanitarian spirit which prompts earnest and effective effort for the amelioration of hard conditions of life for mankind.

In municipal affairs Mr. Bushnell has been deeply interested and his co-operation has been an important factor in many movements of municipal progress and improvement. He served for twelve years as a director of the public schools and advocated substantial advancement in methods of instruction. He has been a trustee of the Mansfield cemetery and has from the beginning been a commissioner of the Sherman-Heineman Park. Whatever tends to promote the city's development along lines of material, intellectual, moral or aesthetic progress finds in him an active cooperant. In 1900 he presented to the city a monument to the memory of John Chapman and in so honoring a fellowman his name became inseparably associated with this gift to the city, which is now seen in Middle Park. Chapman was a unique figure in the development of Pennsylvania and Ohio, widely known as Johnny Appleseed from the fact that he labored so earnestly for the development of orchards through the distribution and planting of apple seeds that those who came after him might enjoy the fruits of his sowing. Mr. Bushnell thus recognizing the beauty of a life that lived not for its own time but for a future generation as well, erected a monument to John Chapman and it was dedicated under the auspices of the Richland County Historical Society. This is but one of many instances of Mr. Bushnell's broad spirit and generous nature. He has never allowed the accumulation of wealth to in any way affect his relations to those less fortunate than himself. He judges a fellowman by his character and not by his possessions and as the years have gone by he has won a place for himself in the hearts of his fellow townsmen that makes him a worthy successor of an honored father and will cause the name of Bushnell to be revered in Mansfield for years to come.

Mr. Bushnell united with the Congregational church of Mansfield early in life and has ever since been a faithful and consistent member of the same, regularly attending its services, contributing to its support and living a life consistent with his Christian profession. Mrs. Bushnell is also a member of the Congregational church, and is noted for her goodness of heart and her exemplary Christian life.

On the 28th of July, 1908, Mr. Bushnell was unanimously elected an honorary member of McLaughlin Post, No. 131, G. A. R., of Mansfield. He has held many positions of honor, trust and responsibility, in the discharge of the duties of which he has ever shown inflexible integrity, which early secured for him the full confidence of the people. He has an enviable popularity, is interested in public improvements and is liberal in his views and with his means.

Mr. Bushnell is a gentleman of fine sensibility and polished manner, and is the very soul of honor. He is stanch in principle, clear in perception and decided in character. He deserves the good things which have come to him and the high character for probity which years of business and social acquaintance have brought him.

Few men can look back over the vista of years and view a better record than the one enjoyed by the subject of this sketch, who now, in the golden time of matured manhood is held high in the esteem of his fellow citizens and has the affection of his associates and co-workers for the betterment of mankind.

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#### GEORGE W. GEDDES.

There are few men whose lives are crowned with the honor and respect which was universally accorded Judge George W. Geddes, but through long connection with the history of Richland county and the state his was an unblemished character. He was one of the world's workers, assisting materially in laying the foundation for the stability, progress and substantial growth of his home locality and the commonwealth.

George W. Geddes was born July 16, 1824, in Knox county, Ohio, but in his childhood days was brought to Richland county by his father, James Geddes, and was here reared to the age of fifteen pursuing his education in the public schools. On putting aside his text-books he returned to Mount Vernon, where he accepted a clerkship in the employ of James Huntsberry, a prominent merchant of that city, and that he was most faithful and capable is indicated by the fact that he remained there for about six years, or until nearly twenty-one years of age. He did not care to make merchandising his life work, however, for it was his desire to become a member of the bar and to this end he devoted all of the hours which are usually termed leisure to familiarizing himself with the text-books of that profession. He had thereby gained considerable knowledge of the law when he entered the office of Hon. Columbus Delano as a student. Under his direction he made rapid progress in his studies, so that at the end of a year he was admitted to the bar and well qualified, entering upon active practice.

In November, 1845, Mr. Geddes came to Mansfield to begin his professional career and had his first trial brought before a justice of the peace, with James Stewart, then one of the leading lawyers of Mansfield. Mr. Stewart was so favorably impressed with his young opponent's skillful management of the

case that he urged Mr. Geddes to locate in Mansfield. This he did and for two years had his office with Mr. Stewart, after which he became his law partner in 1847. The relation was maintained until 1850 and was then terminated by the fact that Mr. Stewart was elected judge of the court of common pleas. Mr. Geddes then entered into partnership with Jacob Brinkerhoff, with whom he was associated until Mr. Brinkerhoff was elected to the Supreme bench of Ohio, in 1855. The following year Mr. Geddes received the democratic nomination for common pleas judge, with his former law partner and benefactor, Judge Stewart, as his opponent. The election showed that Judge Geddes was the choice of the people, and in 1861, at a district convention of the democratic and republican parties, he was renominated and reelected without opposition. In 1866 he became a candidate for the third term, but at this election was defeated by seventeen votes, although he ran five hundred votes ahead of his ticket—a fact which indicated his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens. Not long after this the legislature created an enactment providing for an additional judge in this judicial subdistrict and Judge Geddes was again nominated and elected in 1868. Upon the expiration of his third term he retired permanently from the bench and resumed the practice of law. His course on the bench had been in harmony with his record as a man and also distinguished by the utmost fidelity to duty and by a comprehensive understanding of the legal principles involved. In 1872 he was placed in nomination by the democracy of Ohio for supreme court judge, but the entire state ticket was defeated that year.

When Judge Geddes again took up the practice of law he formed a partnership with Moses R. Dickey and John W. Jenner, under the firm style of Geddes, Dickey & Jenner. Mr. Dickey was later elected to the common pleas bench, while Mr. Jenner became a judge on the circuit bench of this judicial district. On the expiration of Judge Dickey's official term the partnership relations between him and Judge Geddes were resumed. The firm was a very strong one and enjoyed a most extensive clientage. Few lawyers have made a more lasting impression upon the bar of the state, both for legal ability of a high order and for the individuality of a personal character which impresses itself upon a community. Of a family conspicuous for strong intellects and indomitable courage and energy, Judge Geddes entered upon his career as a lawyer, and such was his force of character and natural qualifications that he overcame all obstacles and wrote his name upon the keystone of the legal arch of his district.

Judge Geddes was, moreover, a man of marked influence in political circles in Ohio. In June, 1878, a democratic convention of the fifteenth congressional district, comprising the counties of Coshocton, Holmes, Knox, Richland and Tuscarawas, met at New Philadelphia and after a session of three days failed to nominate a candidate. An adjournment was taken and the convention reassembled at Mt. Vernon, July 31, and after a deadlock continuing through that day and the day following, reconvened Friday, August 2, and resumed balloting with the one thousand one hundred and eleventh ballot. Colonel R. Burns was the Richland county candidate. After the twelve hundredth and fiftieth ballot had been taken Judge Geddes was brought

out as a compromise candidate and he received the nomination on the twelve hundredth and fifty-fifth ballot and was elected by a large majority over G. A. Jones. In 1880 he was nominated in the fourteenth congressional district and was elected over Colonel S. E. Fink. In 1882 he was again nominated in the fourteenth district and overcame a large republican majority, defeating Rollin A. Horr, while in 1884 he was nominated in the sixteenth district and defeated the Honorable H. C. Hedges. While a member of congress he took an active part in all the work that was done in the council chambers of the nation, gave careful consideration to each question which came up for settlement and opposed or supported every measure, as he saw fit, with the whole strength of his nature.

In 1848 Mr. Geddes was married to Miss Nancy Lemon, of Ashland county, and to them were born three sons: S. L., now deceased; James I., living in Joplin, Missouri; and George M., deceased. After the death of his first wife, which occurred December, 1880, Mr. Geddes married Mrs. Amelia B. Gass, the widow of Colonel Isaac Gass, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. The death of Judge Geddes occurred November 9, 1892, and thus passed away one of the most honored, respected and valued citizens of Richland county. He gained distinction as a lawyer and jurist and also as a statesman, striving to build up for the benefit of the people and to insure the country's national progress, believing that nations, like men, cannot stand still; they must go forward or backward; they cannot go backward without decay, therefore it is imperative that they go forward. Judge Geddes was conspicuous as a public officer who was always at his post of duty and always at work, and no public official has been more faithful to the trust reposed in him by the people. His manly characteristics are of the solid and practical, rather than of the ostentatious and brilliant, order. He was especially strong in intellect and capable of reaching safe, reasonable and prudent conclusions. His life was varied in service, constant in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation.

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#### GEORGE MITCHELL, M. D.

The name of Dr. George Mitchell, as borne by father and son, has been an honored one in connection with the medical profession in Mansfield since 1846. It has furthermore been a synonym for professional honor as well as ability. There is perhaps no calling so little commercialized as is the medical profession, and while not without that laudable ambition for success which should be a characteristic of every business man, both father and son have been well known for their broad humanitarianism in connection with the performance of professional service.

The Mitchell family was established in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in colonial days and there John Mitchell, the grandfather of him whose name introduces this review, was born. He aided the colonies in achieving their independence and reared his family in that locality. His son, Dr.



James W. Frodsham

other party candidates. He received the nomination on the twelve and a half electoral votes cast for him. He carried the congressional district and was elected. He was nominated in the state convention of 1864, defeating Rollin L. Smith, of the 1st congressional district and defeated in the election. In 1865 he took an active part in the reconstruction of the nation, gave his services for settlement and reconstruction of the whole strength of the country.

John Jones, of Ashland county, Ohio, was born in 1811, son of James L. living in Ashland county. He was the son of his first wife, Anna Gass, and died in 1865. John Jones married Amelia B. Gass, the daughter of his mother, in 1836. They had one child, a son, Charles, who died in 1865. John Jones died in 1865. John Jones was a man of great energy, striving to do all he could for every educational and moral cause. He believed that they must go forward without due care, therefore his motto was, "Forward, but not backward." He was a public speaker, and always at his command no public speaker could equal him in popularity. His address to the people of the state, at the opening of the session of the legislature, was well received and depended upon for the success of his bill. It was varied in its language, but it was well received.

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*John Henry Groddeck*



George Franklin Mitchell, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in May, 1808. His home was amid the beautiful hills of western Pennsylvania, in a district of many historic associations. It was in that part of the country that the early contentions for supremacy between the English and French occurred and there for many decades savagery and civilization were in contention as the red and white races sought dominion over the land. In the same locality Braddock fell and Washington began his career. It was a district, too, noted for its literary culture, for it was the seat of many institutions of learning. In such an atmosphere Dr. George F. Mitchell was reared. Determining upon the practice of medicine as his life work, he began studying under one of the able physicians of Pittsburg and subsequently entered the Cincinnati College of Medicine, from which he was graduated about 1830. Ere leaving Pennsylvania he was married in Fayette county, that state, to Miss Nancy De Vatte, a daughter of John De Vatte, who belonged to an old French Huguenot family that on being driven from France by religious persecution sought refuge in Ireland, while subsequently a removal was made to America.

Dr. George F. Mitchell was twenty-three years of age when in 1831 he removed from Pennsylvania to Olivesburg, Richland county, Ohio. There he practiced as a country physician, making long rides to distant points in the interests of those who needed his professional service. He became recognized as one of the ablest practitioners of medicine in the county and in 1846 he removed to Mansfield, where he continued an active follower of the profession until his life's labors were ended in death. He kept constantly abreast with the progress made by the medical fraternity, was most careful in the diagnosis of disease and put forth his utmost effort for the restoration of health, whether his patient belonged to the class of substantial citizens or was one from whom he could expect no pecuniary reward. After making his round of professional visits on the morning of March 31, 1869, he returned home and began trimming his vines and trees. While thus engaged death came to him almost instantly and he passed away March 31, 1869, at the age of sixty-one years, but left behind him a memory which is still honored and cherished by those who knew him. One of his friends said of him: "He was a portly man in his bearing, dignified in character, learned in his profession, careful in his practice, courteous, prudent, ever pursuing the safe course, taking nothing for granted without the most searching inquiry and examination, and his success was such as might be looked for in such a conscientious man, and so skillful and careful a physician. When the great war came on Dr. Mitchell had passed the half century of life. His ripe experience, great medical learning and masterly skill would have been of great service to the country had he been able to respond to the invitation of the surgeon general of Ohio and enter the military service. His close pressing engagements at home and duties he owed to the community in which he had so long lived, controlled his judgment, and wisely, and he could respond only when emergencies demanded short terms of service. After the battle of Shiloh he went to the front. After the conflicts and contests of the armed battalions in the valley of Virginia he gave his time

and skill to the soldiers of the Union. How shall we measure Dr. G. F. Mitchell? He was a fearless, conscientious man, doing and daring always to do right. Active in the church of his choice,—the Methodist Episcopal,—and one of that brotherhood on whose great seal is emblazoned the command to ‘visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan,’ it was the great ambition of Dr. George F. Mitchell to serve well his day and generation and to bless humanity.”

Dr. Mitchell had a family of six children, but two sons and a daughter passed away ere the father’s death. His son, Dr. Milton Mitchell, a young man of much promise, died in early manhood. Nannie is the wife of H. M. Parker, a well known Ohio educator, and William is now manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Mansfield.

Dr. George Mitchell, who has closely followed in his father’s footsteps, not only in his professional service but in those walks of life displaying keen intellectuality and high principles of manhood, acquired his literary education in Delaware county, where he was graduated at the age of eighteen years. Determining upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he afterward matriculated in the Medical College of Ohio, now the medical department of the Cincinnati University, where he won his professional degree in the spring of 1862. He had just completed his medical course when in April he entered the army as assistant surgeon of the One Hundred and Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, remaining at the front until after the close of hostilities actively engaged in service for the sick and wounded. He was commissioned the surgeon of the One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry but would not leave his own regiment. He had charge of nine hospitals and there are many who have reason to bless him for his timely aid, his ready sympathy and his ability in professional lines.

Following his return home Dr. Mitchell engaged in practice with his father until the latter’s death in 1869 and for five years thereafter was in partnership with Dr. William Loughridge, who passed away in 1874. He has since practiced alone and is today one of the oldest physicians in years of continuous connection with the medical fraternity of Mansfield. He has remained in constant practice here for forty-three years and has done other professional service of importance, filling the position of professor of materia medica and therapeutics at Wooster College in Cleveland for several years, acting as a trustee of the central insane asylum at Columbus during the construction of the building and serving for several terms as president of the pension board. Over a quarter of a century ago he was selected as a trustee of his alma mater—the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware—and is still on the board. He has been a constant student of the principles and practices of medicine and surgery and through wide reading and investigation has kept in touch with the methods of those who are most prominent in the profession. He has held high ideals in his chosen life work and commands the unqualified respect, confidence and regard of his professional brethren. He belongs to the State and to the Northwestern Medical Associations and is an active member of the American Medical Association, to which he has been sent as a delegate.

On the 25th of September, 1867, Dr. Mitchell was united in marriage to Miss Mary Burns, a daughter of Colonel Barnabas Burns. By this union were born three children, namely: Milton Burns, the eldest, who died at the age of nineteen years while attending high school. He took an active interest in sports, was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and Sunday school, and was a most affectionate and dutiful son. In fact, he was a young man of great promise, whose purpose it was to enter the medical profession. Paul Caldwell, after a preparatory course at Delaware, Ohio, entered Williams College, Massachusetts, where he was graduated, and is now studying law with his uncle, John C. Burns, of Mansfield, Ohio. Mary De Vatte, the only daughter, is a graduate of the high school of Mansfield and Dr. Gannett's school of Boston, Massachusetts. She possesses an excellent soprano voice, of much power and sweetness, and prosecuted her musical studies both in Boston and Paris. She is now devoting her talent to concert and choir work. Mrs. Mitchell takes an active interest in all matters affecting the welfare of her family and in church and literary work, and has an enviable reputation as a writer, her family being gifted in that line.

Dr. Mitchell is a member of the Odd Fellows society and maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his connection with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Loyal Legion. He has long been a most helpful and devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has served as president of its official board. He came to his majority soon after the republican party was formed and throughout his entire life has been a stalwart advocate of its principles, but at local elections, where no party issue is involved, casts an independent ballot, supporting the men and measures whom he thinks best qualified for office. Such in brief is the life history of Dr. Mitchell, now one of the oldest and most honored physicians of Richland county—a man whose life has been actuated by noble principles and high ideals, and who has found and utilized in his profession the chance to do good to his fellowmen. He recognizes the truth of universal brotherhood and is one whose beliefs find exemplification in daily life.

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#### FRANK PHIPPS.

Frank Phipps is a member of the firm of Phipps Brothers, proprietors of a meat market in Butler, his native town. He was born here February 25, 1864, of the marriage of Samuel and Elizabeth (Teeter) Phipps. His father was born in Richland county, and followed the occupation of farming throughout his entire life, and became the owner of a productive tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres, which he brought under a high state of cultivation, transforming it into a productive and valuable property. He died in this county, May 19, 1894, at the age of seventy-two years, and is still survived by his widow, who was born in this county, May 6, 1826. She is still living at the age of eighty-two years, making her home with a daughter on a farm in

Worthington township. This worthy couple were the parents of eight children and those who still survive are: Mary, whose home is in Worthington township; J. A., a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad; Frank, of this review; and Robert, who is the partner of our subject.

Spending his boyhood days on the home farm, which was less than a mile north of Butler, Frank Phipps early became familiar with the duties and labors incident to the development of the fields and the care of the crops. He acquired his education through the medium of the public schools, was married when nineteen years of age and began working on his father's farm. In 1895 he removed to Indiana and there the succeeding four years was employed as a fireman on the Wabash railroad, but in 1899 returned to Butler and established a meat market in connection with Tom Sheehy. This partnership was continued until 1903, when Mr. Sheehy sold his interest to the brother of our subject, and the market has since been conducted under the firm style of Phipps Brothers. They kill all their own meat and conduct a most neat and attractive market, receiving a liberal patronage because of the quality of meats which they handle and the good service which they render to their patrons.

On Christmas day of 1883 Frank Phipps was married to Miss Sarah C. Ward, who was born in Worthington township August 24, 1863. She is a daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Hilderbrandt) Ward, both of whom were natives of Richland county, but are now deceased. They had but two children, the son being Charles Ward, now a resident of Worthington township. Mrs. Phipps is the elder and by her marriage has become the mother of two children, Doris and Francis.

Mr. Phipps is a member of Sturgis Lodge, No. 357, I. O. O. F., and in politics is independent, voting for men and measures rather than for party. He has always lived in this locality and is well known to its citizens as a business man who is thoroughly trustworthy and as a resident whose interest in public affairs is manifested in the hearty cooperation which he has given to many movements for the general good.

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#### JOHN L. BAXTER.

John L. Baxter, as president and treasurer of the Baxter Stove Company, is one of the leading and prominent representatives of industrial and commercial interests in Mansfield. Honored and respected by all, he occupies a most enviable position in business circles, not alone by reason of the success he has attained, but also owing to the straightforward business principles he has ever followed and the course he has pursued in the development of an important productive enterprise.

A native of Pennsylvania, John L. Baxter was born in the city of Pittsburgh in 1841, his parents being Thomas and Isabella (Musgrove) Baxter. For many years the father was a stove manufacturer in Salem, Ohio, to which place the family removed in 1849. Establishing business there, he continued

in the manufacture of stoves at that place for a quarter of a century and then came to Mansfield, where he equipped a plant and continued in business.

John L. Baxter was a youth of eight years at the time of the removal to Ohio and in the schools of Salem acquired his education, while under the direction of his father he received his business training and gained knowledge of all departments of stove manufacture. He has been continuously connected with the business, which in 1883 was reorganized under the name of the Baxter Stove Company, the partners being J. L., E. C., E. D., C. C. and B. A. Baxter. The business was capitalized for sixty thousand dollars and the officers were J. L. Baxter, president; C. C. Baxter, secretary; E. C. Baxter, treasurer; B. A. Baxter, vice president; and E. D. Baxter, superintendent. Employment was furnished to seventy-five men in the manufacture of stoves and ranges and as the business has developed the capital stock has been increased to seventy-five thousand dollars and the number of employes to one hundred and fifty. The annual sales reach two hundred thousand dollars and the enterprise is one of the most important industrial concerns of the city. This was the first company organized to manufacture stoves and ranges in Mansfield. In 1905 C. C. Baxter died and E. C. Baxter has since removed to Cleveland, Ohio, while B. A. Baxter is general manager of the New Method Stove Company of Mansfield. These changes have necessitated election of different officers, but J. L. Baxter still remains as the president and treasurer, while Frank B. Black is vice president, H. K. Dislane secretary, and A. L. Bliss superintendent. In addition to his other interests John L. Baxter is vice president of the Mansfield Phone Company and a director of the Mansfield Mutual (fire) Insurance Company.

In 1869 occurred the marriage of John L. Baxter and Miss Lizzie Sharp, of Salem, Ohio, a daughter of Thomas Sharp, a manufacturer of engines and machinery. Their children are: Jessie, now the wife of Frank B. Black, president of the Ohio Brass Company, of Mansfield, and vice president of the Baxter Stove Company; Carrie, the wife of A. L. Bliss, superintendent of the Baxter Stove Company; and Reba, the wife of H. K. Dislane, secretary of the Baxter Stove Company.

Mr. Baxter belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and is interested in all that pertains to the business and material development of the city, and to its social, intellectual and moral progress as well. He is a member of the First Congregational church, in which he is serving as a trustee, and belongs to the Congregational Men's Club. Throughout his entire life he has displayed an aptitude for successful management in business affairs and the power to control, direct and shape into unity complex interests. This quality has been a very important element in the success of the enterprise of which he is now at the head, and throughout his entire commercial career he has maintained a reputation for unassailable business integrity that is most commendable.

E. D. Baxter, a brother of John L. Baxter, whose youth was spent in a similar manner and who was one of the organizers of the Baxter Stove Company, is now a director of the Bank of Mansfield and has long been prominently and favorably known in business circles here. He wedded Mary Simpson, of this city, a daughter of Professor John Simpson, who for years was superin-

tendent of schools here. They have one daughter, Dorothy. E. D. Baxter is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, is identified with the Masonic fraternity and belongs to the First Presbyterian church, of which he is treasurer. He is also vice president of the Young Men's Christian Association and is active in work for the benefit of his fellowmen and the raising of the standards which govern humanity.

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#### H. F. SMART.

An excellent farm of two hundred and thirty acres situated on section 4, Monroe township, pays tribute to the care and labor of H. F. Smart, whose business methods are practical and who by his keen discernment and careful management has gained a place among the prosperous residents of the community. He is also identified with financial interests as the vice president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Lucas. His birth occurred February 15, 1852, on the farm where he now resides. It was also the birthplace of his father, Perry Smart, who was born October 30, 1820. The family is one of the oldest in this part of the state, the paternal grandfather having located in Richland county in 1816, while in 1818 he entered from the government the land upon which H. F. Smart now resides.

Grandfather Smart was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, and removed to Ohio in 1798 before the admission of the state into the Union. He assisted in building the third log cabin that was erected in Columbus. In 1799 he was captured by the Indians, but escaped without injury, and afterward returned to Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1814, when on again coming to Ohio he located in Richland county. He felt that in the meantime civilization had progressed to such a stage that the interests of the white man in Ohio would then be safe, and still there was numerous tribes of Indians living within its borders and great tracts of land over which the white man had never trod. The forests still remained in their primeval strength, while all kinds of wild game was to be had in abundance, including deer and many specimens of the feathered tribe. Much of the land was still owned by the government, and the grandfather, securing his claim, began cutting away the timber preparatory to planting the fields. As time passed he converted his land into a productive tract and the work of further development and improvement was carried on by his son, Perry Smart, who in his boyhood and youth aided in the arduous task of developing new land. Throughout his entire life he remained a farmer and was one of the respected and representative citizens of this part of the state. In business affairs he was found thoroughly reliable as well as energetic, and when he passed away the county lost one of its most honored native pioneer citizens. He gave his political allegiance to the democratic party and was a member of the Lutheran church. He died September 2, 1891, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Louisa Zody, survived until December 15, 1906. They were the parents of two children, the older being Leander T. Smart, who was born

July 18, 1847, and died in 1890. He enlisted for service in the Civil war in 1864 when only sixteen years of age, and went with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea. While at the front he was captured and incarcerated in Andersonville prison, where he remained for some time ere he was exchanged.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for H. F. Smart in his boyhood and youth. He was a pupil in the public schools, and when twenty-one years of age started out in business life on his own account. Taking charge of his father's farm, he has since cultivated the old homestead, which he later purchased, and is now the owner of two hundred and thirty acres of rich and valuable land on section 4, Monroe township. He has carefully cultivated his fields and annually gathers good crops. He has also handled stock in connection with general farming, and his business interests, carefully systematized and ably conducted, are bringing him a gratifying measure of success. Aside from his agricultural interests Mr. Smart is well known in banking circles as the vice president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Lucas.

In 1892 Mr. Smart was married to Miss Harriet Lambright, who was born in Ashland county, Ohio, a daughter of Levi and Sarah Lambright, in whose family were eleven children. Mr. and Mrs. Smart have one son, Perry H., Jr., who is now attending the high school at Lucas. He and his mother are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Smart is an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, and he has served as township trustee for six years, being faithful in office and loyal to the interests of the community. He is widely and favorably known in the county, where his entire life has been passed, and where the name of Smart has figured honorably and prominently for almost a century. The work which was begun by his grandfather and carried on by his father is continued by him, and the old Smart homestead is one of the landmarks of the county, the property having been in possession of the family for ninety-two years.

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#### WEBSTER H. SHRYOCK.

Webster H. Shryock, one of the best known citizens of Richland county, has since 1901 been president of the County Agricultural Society. He is also identified with several business enterprises of importance, wherein capable management, keen discernment and unflagging enterprise are constituting the elements in his success. He has been a resident of the county since 1877, in which year he located in Springfield township. His birth occurred in the Shenandoah valley of Virginia on the 12th of February, 1858, his parents being Jacob N. and Mary E. (Dinges) Shryock.

Jacob N. Shryock was a merchant and during his boyhood days Webster H. Shryock assisted him in the store. He also pursued his education in the

public schools and at the age of nineteen years came to Ohio. He followed farming for one year in Morrow county. He has lived in Richland county for thirty-one years and for two years was employed at farm labor, after which he began the cultivation of a rented farm. Later he bought sixty-five acres in Jackson township, which he afterward sold and subsequently invested in twenty-five acres in Springfield township. This he still owns, together with city property. He furthermore derives a good income from his investment in mercantile lines. In 1903, at Ontario, in association with Robert M. Taylor, he established a machinery company and now owns and conducts a store for the sale of machinery, buggies, harness, implements, fertilizers, flour, etc. In 1906 the firm established a similar house in Mansfield, where the business is still being carried on, the trade having already reached extensive and profitable proportions.

In 1879 Mr. Shryock was married to Miss Mary J. Haflich, of Springfield township, Richland county, and they have four children: Hoyt S., who is superintendent of the golf grounds of Mansfield; Eula N., a teacher in the city schools; Ray H., who is connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; and Mary Goldie, who is a high-school student.

Mr. Shryock is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and also belongs to the Highland Grange. He has always been deeply interested in the agricultural development of the community and has done effective work in its behalf. For years he has served as a director of the Richland County Agricultural Society and in 1901 was elected its president, since which time he has been continued in the position by reelection. For five years he has been a member of the school board of Springfield township and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He has a wide acquaintance in the county of his adoption and his fidelity to duty in all life's relations has gained him the regard of his fellowmen in a high degree. Among his friends he is a genial, social gentleman of cordial disposition, and his friends esteem him highly for his genuine worth.

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#### CAPTAIN LUCIUS ONZLOW DOOLITTLE.

Captain Lucius Onzlow Doolittle, numbered among the honored veterans of the Civil war and by meritorious conduct winning promotion to the rank of captain, is now living in Mansfield, a most worthy and respected resident of that city. He was born in Windham county, Vermont, December 27, 1832, and in the paternal lines comes of English ancestry. His grandfather, on the maternal side, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and after his death his widow received a pension from the government in recognition of his services.

Captain Doolittle spent the first eleven years of his life on a farm in the Green Mountain state, and in 1844 accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio, the journey being made by wagon to Troy, New York, by canal to Buffalo, and by lake to Sandusky, Ohio. The family first located near Loudonville, and from there removed to Hayesville, where the captain attended col-



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He is now in Ohio. He followed his father to Richland county for a short time, and did farm labor, after which he bought sixty-five acres of land, and subsequently invested in a sawmill, which he still owns, together with a small amount of money from his investment in the mill. He is now associated with Robert M. Taylor, in business, and conducts a store for the sale of lumber, fertilizer, flour, etc. He resides in Newark, where the business is very large and prosperous.

John H. Smith, of Springfield, is the son of John H. Smith, who is now a citizen of Newark, having located there in the year 1840, and the year of the railroad

was born. His father was a carpenter by trade, and has since resided in Newark, excepting a short time in New York and Canada, during which time he was engaged in his business. His son has followed him in the business, and in consequence of his acquirement of a knowledge of the relations between man and his



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lege. Having completed his education he began his business career in 1852 as a clerk in a store, where he received only one hundred and fifty dollars per year, and had to board himself. The following year the firm sold out and their stock of goods was taken to Lexington, where he was given the same salary and also his board. In 1853 he came to Mansfield and began clerking for Weldon & Robinson, with whom he remained for several years, and when Mr. Robinson withdrew from the firm, Captain Doolittle remained with him and later formed a partnership with that gentleman and J. P. Vance, retaining his connection therewith until after the outbreak of the Civil war.

When the need of his country aroused the patriotism of his nature, Captain Doolittle offered his services to the government in the opening year of the war, when men from the workshops, the counting houses, the offices and the fields were flocking to the standard of the Union. He became a member of Company G, Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which regiment rendezvoused at Mansfield until organized and was then stationed at Columbus, where the troops received their uniforms. He joined the army as a private, but on the organization of the regiment, was made orderly sergeant, which position he filled for ten months, and was then promoted to second lieutenant. Later he was made first lieutenant, and served with that rank for about a year, while on the 18th of January, 1865, he was commissioned captain, and remained in command of his company until the close of the war. The first engagement in which he participated was the battle of Shiloh, where the regiment suffered a very heavy loss. He participated in all the movements and battles of his regiment and made an excellent military record, never faltering in the performance of any duty, whether it called him to the lonely picket line or stationed him in the face of danger on the firing line.

At the close of the war Captain Doolittle returned to Mansfield, where he engaged in clerking in a dry-goods store for a time, and later became express agent. In 1873 he bought a farm, whereon he lived for about twenty-seven years, bringing his fields under a high state of cultivation and adding many modern improvements. In 1901, with the competence acquired through his earnest and persistent labor, he retired and is now enjoying a well earned rest in Mansfield.

On the 14th of March, 1866, in Mansfield, Captain Doolittle was married to Miss Martha Watkinson, who was born in Lancaster, England, October 30, 1839. Her father died in that country and her mother afterward married John Booth, who brought the family to America in 1850, the voyage being made on a sailing vessel and occupied six weeks. They first located in Shelby, Ohio, but in 1851 came to Mansfield. Mr. Booth was a landscape gardener and owned the first hothouse in the latter place. He laid out the cemetery and was its first superintendent. For a number of years he was secretary of the Richland County Agricultural Society, and later bought a farm near Ontario, Ohio. He subsequently removed to Kansas, but died at Petersburg, Virginia.

Captain Doolittle and wife became the parents of seven children: Herbert Onzlow, who was born March 21, 1869, and is now living in Richland county;

Martha Mandana, who was born January 2, 1871, and is the wife of M. F. Leppo; James Sabine, born October 25, 1872; William Watkinson, born March 6, 1874; Rufus Percival, born November 13, 1875; Mary Elzina, who was born August 3, 1877, and is the wife of E. F. Dent; and Milton Oscar, born March 27, 1880. All were born in Mansfield and are still living.

Captain Doolittle is an independent voter. He belongs to the Episcopal church, of which his wife is also a member, and is interested in all that pertains to the intellectual, material and moral welfare of the community. In matters of citizenship he is as true and loyal to his country as when he followed the old flag on southern battlefields. His activity and energy in business have brought him substantial success, and he is now numbered among the men of affluence of the community, whose financial position is most creditably by reason of the fact that it has been won through earnest and honorable effort.

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#### LUTHER N. PITTINGER.

Luther N. Pittenger, who since his boyhood days has followed the blacksmith's trade and who celebrated his eightieth birthday by completely shoeing a horse and then driving him to Mansfield, is a native of this county, having been born in Weller township, December 16, 1825, the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Kent) Pittenger.

His paternal grandfather came into this section of the country in 1814 and entered land from the government. One year later his son, Samuel, the father of our subject, who was born in Wellsburg, Virginia, on September 6, 1795, followed his father into this section and aided him in the work of clearing the land and getting it under a state of cultivation. The Kent family settled in the county about the same time, coming here from Butler county, Pennsylvania, and in early manhood Samuel Pittenger was united in marriage to Elizabeth Kent, who was born December 10, 1800. They became the parents of twelve children, of whom our subject is now the only one living. The father engaged in agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death, which occurred on July 10, 1880, while the mother was called to her eternal rest the same year.

Luther N. Pittenger was reared in the country, and while the educational advantages at that time were not very good, he received a meager education. He aided his father in the cultivation of the land that was available for seeding purposes, and utilized his spare time in clearing new tracts. At an early age he learned the blacksmith trade, and found ample opportunity for the use of his skill in this direction in doing work for the settlers that were then flocking into the country. On March 25, 1847, he wedded Mary Ann Lockhart, who was born in Richland county, October 10, 1827, the daughter of Allen and Lydia (Witzen) Lockhart. Her father was a native of Virginia and her mother of Pennsylvania. She was one of twelve children of whom but two are now living, namely: Miss Catherine Lockhart and Mrs. Lydia Rose.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Pittenger were born nine children, of whom but three are now living, as follows: Lucretia, the second born, is the wife of Jacob Farree, of Weller township; Clyde, who was the seventh in order of birth, lives on the home place with his father. He wedded Annie Day and they have become the parents of three children—Elsie, Myrell and Valmer. Jasper, who is about two years younger than Clyde, resides in Mifflin township. The other six are now but a memory and a link to bind to eternity those who are bereft of their companionship. Their names are: Rufus, Gaylord, Jessie, Iona, Luella, and one, the last born, who died in infancy.

In 1850, three years after his marriage, Mr. Pittenger purchased a tract of fifty-three acres of land, and built on it a blacksmith shop, one end of which he fitted up with living rooms. This was the family home for four years, at the expiration of which time a residence was built. Mr. Pittenger has since sold all of this land but fourteen acres to his son Clyde, with whom he now makes his home since the death of his wife, which occurred on July 17, 1907. Two years ago they had the misfortune to lose their home by fire, but since that time the son has built a fine residence, finished throughout in solid oak and modern in every respect. He and his brother have relieved their father of all responsibility connected with the work of the place, although he is hale and hearty and says that he can do a good day's work yet. He possesses a remarkable memory, and it is considered a rare treat to hear him tell of episodes connected with the past relating to the early settlement and development of the county.

Politically Mr. Pittenger has been a lifelong republican. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church.

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#### SIMON HOLTZ.

Simon Holtz, who is now living retired in Ganges, was born within three miles of Shelby, in Richland county, Ohio, April 20, 1839. His grandfather, Frederick Holtz, was a native of Germany. The latter was en route to the United States on an old sailing vessel when a storm came up and the boat drifted on the shoals and was wrecked. As the entire hull of the vessel was submerged, Frederick Holtz and two others climbed the masts, there awaiting rescue. Before deliverance came, however, one of the men, finding it impossible to maintain his hold any longer, dropped into the water and was drowned. After about forty-eight hours Mr. Holtz and his companion were rescued, taken to New York and put to work in a powder mill in order that they might pay for the service which had been rendered them. Mr. Holtz only remained there until he had earned the sum demanded for his rescue, but his companion continued working until he met a tragic death in the mill. On leaving New York, Mr. Holtz took up his abode in Adams county, Pennsylvania, where he made his home until called to his final rest.

The parents of our subject were Jacob and Catherine (Shambaugh) Holtz, the former a native of Adams county, Pennsylvania, whence he

removed to Perry county, that state. In 1832 Jacob Holtz came to Richland county, Ohio, settling on the farm where the birth of his son Simon occurred, and there continued to reside until death claimed him in 1881. He had survived his wife for about ten years, and his remains were interred in London cemetery. Throughout his active business life he had been connected with agricultural interests and had met with a well merited measure of success in his undertakings. His family numbered twelve children, namely: Peggy, Michael, Nancy, Sarah, Jacob and Liza, all of whom are deceased; Frederick and David, twins, who have also passed away; George, who carries on farming near Shelby; Hannah, the widow of Henry Artz, residing near Shelby; Simon, of this review, and Mary, the wife of Henry Light, of Putnam county, Ohio.

Simon Holtz acquired his education in the district schools near Shelby and remained with his father until he had attained the age of twenty-four years. Subsequently he started out in life on his own account and for seventeen years successfully carried on agricultural pursuits in Franklin township. He then took up his abode in Blooming Grove township, where he continued for twenty-one years. Here he conducted a popular summer resort, which was annually visited by thousands of people, who thus showed their appreciation of its many comforts and attractive surroundings. It was situated along the Black Fork river, thus affording excellent boating and fishing, and for twelve years it was the picnic ground of the farmers. At one time Mr. Holtz accommodated seven thousand resorters by actual count, though this was by no means the greatest number who patronized his place. A merry-go-round contributed to the amusement of the visitors, and Mr. Holtz also conducted an extensive hotel for their accommodation. Five years ago, however, he removed to Ganges and has here since lived retired in the enjoyment of a well-earned rest. In association with his son he owns eighty acres near Shenandoah and also has some town property, including seven acres of ground. In the spring of 1908 he disposed of one hundred and eighty acres. The success which has come to him is but the merited reward of his untiring industry and capable management in the conduct of his farming interests, and he is widely and favorably known as one of the self-made, substantial and progressive citizens of the county.

In 1861 Mr. Holtz was united in marriage to Miss Angeline Cutler, who was born in Richland county, but is of German extraction. The children who have blessed this union are seven in number, namely: Jacob, of Blooming Grove township; Eliza, the wife of John Siders, of Ganges; Clara, the wife of Tobias Reynolds, of Blooming Grove township; Emma, who is the wife of Jacob Zellars and also resides in Blooming Grove township; Wesley, of Cass township; Albert, who is a carpenter residing in Blooming Grove, and Sylvester, who is also a carpenter by trade, at home. Mr. Holtz has given each of these children one thousand dollars, thus enabling them to make a good start in life.

In his political views Mr. Holtz is a stalwart democrat, and has served as trustee for five years. His wife is a member of the German Reform church, in the work of which she takes an active and helpful interest. For almost

seventy years, or throughout his entire life, Mr. Holtz has been a resident of this county, and his successful, straightforward and honorable career has made him well worthy the respect and admiration which are everywhere accorded him.

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#### ISAAC GASS.

Among the members of the Richland county bar who won success and distinction by well-merited ability and proved an able minister in the temple of justice was Isaac Gass, who is yet remembered by many of the older residents of Mansfield, although a third of a century has passed since he was called from this life. He was born in Richland county, Ohio, in 1819, and was therefore a representative of one of the oldest families. His father, William Gass, arrived here in pioneer times, taking up his abode in what was then the little village of Mansfield, in 1812, but the Indians occasioned him so much trouble that he left the neighborhood and not until a few years passed did he return. However, he afterward became a resident of Troy township, and from the government entered a section of land. He improved his property and became one of the influential residents of his community, which was known as the Gass neighborhood. He reared his sons to farm life and afterward gave to each of his four boys a quarter of a section of land, on which they all lived and died. Now one of his great-grandsons still occupies a portion of the old homestead and is today the only living representative of the Gass family, which in pioneer times bore a prominent, active and helpful part in the upbuilding and development of this section of the country.

Isaac Gass, a son of William Gass, was reared to manhood on the old homestead farm, and after completing his public-school education he prepared for the bar and devoted his attention earnestly to the building up of a good clientele and to the interests of his patrons in the law, until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he felt that his duty to his country was paramount to all else. He therefore, in 1861, raised a company of volunteers which became a part of the Sixty-fourth Ohio Regiment of Infantry. Mr. Gass was appointed captain of the company and was afterward promoted through successive grades to the rank of lieutenant colonel. When he had been at the front for a year his health failed to such an extent that he was obliged to resign. In the meantime, however, he had participated in the battle of Shiloh and in many others of lesser note.

Returning to Mansfield, Colonel Gass resumed the practice of law in which he continued up to the time of his death. He was an able representative of the bar, thorough and painstaking in the preparation of his cases, while in the courts he displayed marked ability in handling his points so as to make the strongest position for his clients. He won many favorable verdicts, and the court records show that he was connected with much of the

important litigation that was heard in his district during the years of his active connection with the bar.

On May 22, 1848, Colonel Gass was united in marriage to Miss Amelia B. Coates, who was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, November 1, 1831. They became the parents of three children: F. P. Gass, who is now living in Dayton, Ohio; Mary Amelia, who died aged nineteen years, and Bertie L., wife of M. F. Cline, a resident of Mansfield. After the death of her first husband, October 18, 1875, Mrs. Gass became the wife of George W. Geddes, who is mentioned on another page of this volume. Mr. Gass was an exemplary representative of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he always took a very active part in politics, doing everything to promote the growth and insure the success of the party in which he had firm faith. That his fellow townsmen recognized in him one well qualified for leadership is indicated by the fact that in the early sixties he was elected to serve in the general assembly as state senator, and they still showed their confidence in him when later they called him to the highest office within their gift, that of mayor, and in the position he gave a public spirited and progressive administration. He also served at one time as revenue collector and was always most loyal to the trust reposed in him. His life was guided by manly principles and he stood in his community as a man among men, honored and esteemed by all who knew him.

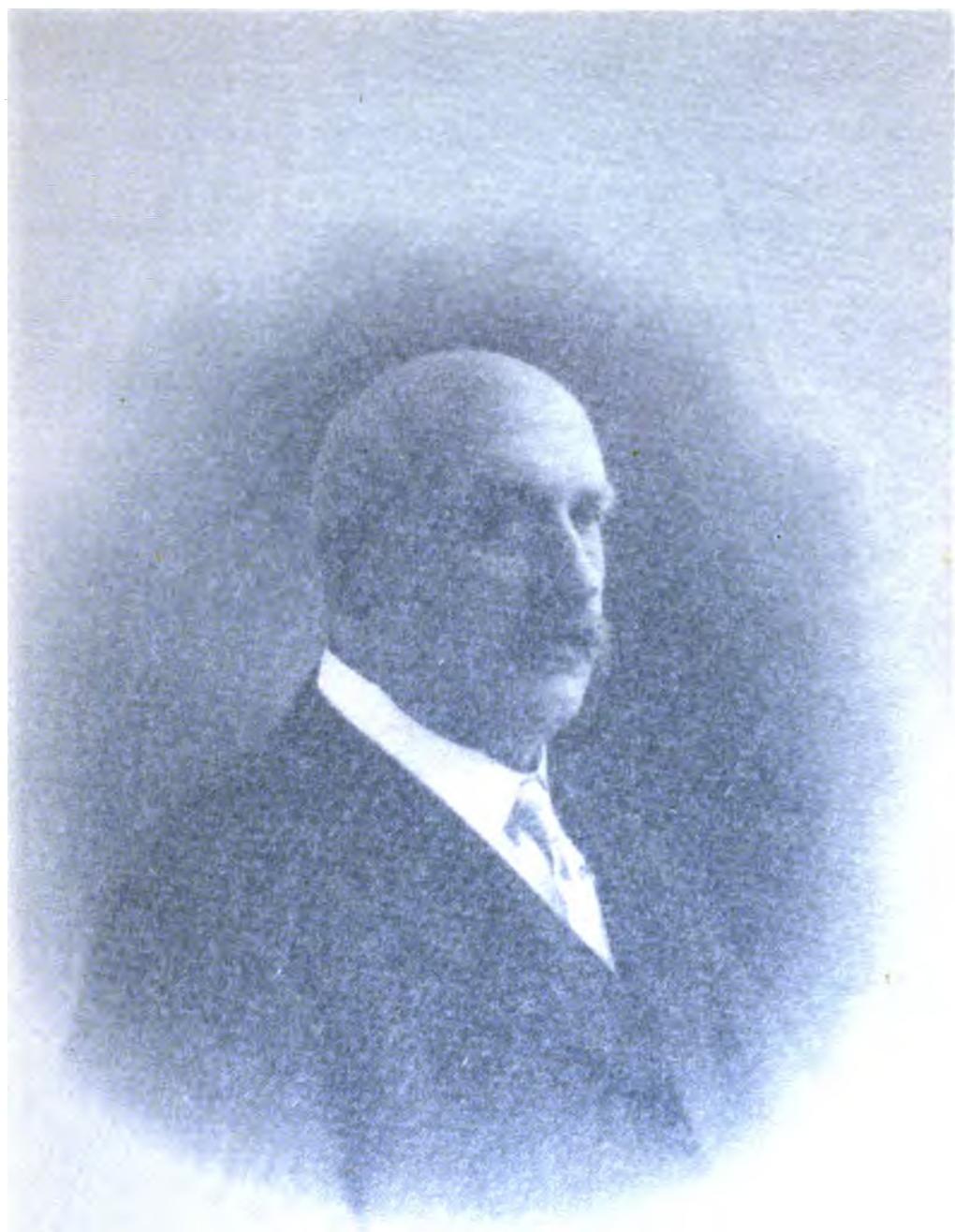
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#### HON. HUNTINGTON BROWN.

The commercial and financial interests of Mansfield find a worthy representative in Huntington Brown, whose business discernment and enterprise have secured him positions of leadership in industrial and financial circles. While he is not connected at the present time with the active management of business affairs, he is still a stockholder in various interests upon which rest the material prosperity of the city, and is today most closely associated with municipal affairs as the chief executive of affairs of Mansfield. His entire life has been passed in Ohio and he possesses that spirit of enterprise and progress which has been the dominant factor in the rapid upbuilding of this portion of the state.

His birth occurred in Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1849. He is a son of James Monroe and Mary (Hicks) Brown, and a grandson of the Hon. Ephraim Brown, the original proprietor of Bloomfield township, Trumbull county, and the coadjutor of those early anti-slavery men of the Western Reserve. He represented his district in the lower house of the general assembly in 1824 and left his impress upon the legislature enacted during that period.

During his childhood days Huntington Brown accompanied his parents on their removal to Massillon, Ohio, where he became a pupil in the public schools, while later he attended Nazareth Hall, a Moravian academy, in Pennsylvania. A year or two after his father's death, which occurred in 1867, he removed to Mansfield and was identified with mercantile interests here in



Huntington Brown

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and his wife resided in this district during the years of his residence here.

On November 1, 1831, Mr. Gass was united in marriage to Miss Amelia F. Clegg, of New Berlin, Pennsylvania, November 1, 1831. They have two children, F. P. Gass, who is now living at New Berlin, and Mrs. Maria A. Gass, who is now aged nineteen years, and resides at the home of her parents at Mansfield. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Gass became the wife of George W. Goddes, of Mansfield, whose name appears on the title page of this volume. Mr. Gass was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Gass's political sympathies were given to the republican party and he always gave his hearty support to every thing to promote the growth and welfare of that party in which he had firm faith. That his fellow citizens recognized him as well qualified for leadership is indicated by the fact that in the early years of his residence here he was elected to serve in the general assembly of the state, and always showed their confidence in him when he was chosen to fill the highest office with their gift, that of mayor. He was a good and be spirited and progressive administration. He was a successful revenue collector and was always most loyal to his country and its cause. His life was guided by manly principles and he will long be remembered as a man among men, honored and esteemed by all who knew him.

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#### JON HUNTINGTON BROWN

Mr. Huntington Brown, a financial interests of Mansfield and a worthy representative of the business community of that city, was born in Brown county, Ohio, in 1849. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Huntington Brown, whose business discernment and enterprise has won them a high position in the financial circles of their native state. He received his education at the local schools, where he active management of his father's business interests, and the care of his mother's interests upon which rest so heavily, gave him a knowledge of business affairs which may most closely associated with his name. He is a member of the First Congregational Church of Mansfield. His entire life has been marked by the qualities that spirit of enterprise and energy which has contributed so much to the rapid upbuilding of this great Western State.

He came to Mansfield in 1869. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Huntington Brown, and a grandson of the Hon. John Huntington, a factor of Bloomsfield, in Cheshire, Connecticut, and one of the early anti-slavery leaders of the Western States. He was a member of the lower house of the general assembly of Ohio during the session of 1870, when the legislature enacted during that period the famous "Fugitive Slave Law." Huntington Brown recently joined his parents in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, where he became a pupil in the public schools. He graduated from the Nazareth Hall, a Methodist academy, in Peterboro, New York, in 1872, and after his father's death which occurred in 1877, he took charge of his father's business interests here.



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connection with Hon. M. D. Harter. He celebrated his majority by touring Europe and thereby gained that broad culture and experience which only travel can bring. Following his return to his native land he entered the employ of the Aultman-Taylor Company, a widely known and very extensive manufacturing establishment. There his fidelity, ability and laudable ambition won him recognition in successive promotions until he became superintendent of the business in 1879. He served in that capacity for ten years and then passed on to other positions of executive control, becoming manager of the Hicks-Brown Company, operating one of the largest flouring mills in the west.

In 1887, when a franchise was about to be granted for the establishing of a street car line in Mansfield, Mr. Brown interested himself with some capitalists from New York city, securing a franchise from the city council for an electrical street car line, which was erected and which was the first electric street car line erected and operated in the state of Ohio. Mr. Brown had the honor of being the vice president of this company.

Later Mr. Brown retired permanently from active management of business affairs, but in the meantime had made judicious investments in various enterprises which constitute valuable income paying property. He is now the president of the Western Strawboard Company and also a director of the Mansfield Savings Bank. The importance of these enterprises is proof of his high standing in commercial and financial circles. Throughout his business career his course was marked by irreproachable integrity as well as unfaltering enterprise and keen discernment. He not only maintained justice in his relations with his employes but showed to them marked consideration and encouraged them to put forth their best efforts that their individual success might be promoted thereby.

In his political views Mr. Brown is a stalwart republican and a recognized champion of the interests of the party in Mansfield and Richland county. In 1899 he was elected to the mayoralty and gave a businesslike public administration, watching over the municipal interests with the same fidelity which he displayed in the control of his private business affairs. He is now serving his third term. During his first term as mayor the "Dowieites" under instruction of their leader, John Alexander Dowie, invaded Mansfield and caused a great internal trouble among the citizens of Mansfield, resulting in turmoil during the entire summer of 1899. During this period the streets of the city were often the scene of mob violence. In handling this condition of things Mr. Brown showed his ability as the chief conservator of the peace and his keen perception of the situation. While looking after the interests of the citizens of Mansfield at the same time he protected the lives of those who were the cause of all of the trouble. Mr. Brown desired to stop the unlawful actions of some of the citizens of Mansfield, who were inclined to take the law in their own hands and do violence, and in this he succeeded to the satisfaction of the citizens of Mansfield, and after three months of excitement and mob violence he finally brought "order out of chaos," and that, too, without the loss of life or property, resulting in the withdrawal of the "Dowieites" from Mansfield, from which time nothing has been heard of them or their cult.

In speaking of his official record a contemporary biographer said: "His fearless courage and consciousness of right have made him a model mayor. Bringing to the performance of his official duties a high appreciation of the importance of his trust, he has executed the laws of state and city with a determination and excellency which have marked him a strong man and gained for him the admiration of all good citizens. In his court he administers the law with the utmost justice, tempered always with that mercy which befits a humane magistrate. During his official term his careful and intelligent management of the city government has added manifold to its revenues from police control, and his untiring zeal in solving the sewage problem entitles him to the highest commendation. No city in Ohio possesses a citizen at the head of its government uniting more of the elements which go to make up a man possessing the qualities of a gentleman everywhere than does Mansfield in the person of Huntington Brown, and his life's record is filled with honor and the gratitude of the people.

Mr. Brown is prominent in Masonry, having attained the thirty-third degree. In 1892 he served as grand commander of the Grand Commandery of Ohio Knights Templar, and is a life member of the Ohio consistory and an honorary member of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masonry of the thirty-third and last degree. To Mr. Brown is due the fact that the Masonic bodies of Mansfield have secured a prominent home. This idea originated with him and he organized a Temple Company, of which he was chosen president, carrying forward its purposes until the Masonic Temple was erected and dedicated. He still remains its president and is its directing spirit. When an act was passed by the general assembly to erect the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Library building, the court, recognizing his business fitness, appointed him a member of the first board of trustees, which position he has continuously occupied with great credit and eminent satisfaction. His life has been one of activity, reaching out to various interests in its social, political, fraternal and commercial relations, and all of these have profited by his cooperation and keen discernment manifested in positions of executive control. He possesses the qualities essential in leadership and he has done much to mold public thought and action. Easily approachable, he is always ready to extend to any the courtesy of an interview, and he judges an individual not by his possessions but by his character. He is frank and fearless in conduct, a believer in justice and truth, and an opponent of hypocrisy and cant. Viewed in a personal light he is a strong man, strong in his ability to plan and perform, strong in his honor and good name.

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#### DAVID BRICKER.

David Bricker, an enterprising and prosperous farmer of Franklin township, where he owns and operates four hundred and twenty-five acres of land, was born in the township where he now resides in a log cabin built upon the land where David Arnold now lives on October 23, 1839, the son of Levi and Catherine (Warner) Bricker.

His father was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, and with his wife and one child made his first trip to Richland county in the spring of 1839 in a one-horse wagon, no railroads as yet having been built into this section. He was a farmer and stock dealer, and finding in Richland county a demand for horses he made a number of trips back into his home country, buying them up and leading them through to this county, where he found a ready and profitable sale for same. When he first came to Richland county he possessed only a wagon-load of household goods, but by careful management and good business ability he acquired possession of between eight hundred and one thousand acres of Richland county's fertile land prior to his death, which occurred in March of 1882, in his sixty-fifth year. In early manhood he wedded Catherine Warner, and they became the parents of nine children, namely: Catherine, the widow of John Arnold, a resident of Franklin township; David, of this review; George, a former horse-dealer, who is now living retired in Philadelphia; Rosanna, the wife of David Light, of Putnam county, Ohio; Sarah, the wife of Jiles St. John, a resident of Blooming Grove township; Malinda, the widow of William Charles, of Carbondale, Illinois; Mary, deceased, who wedded John Lautermilch, also deceased; Nancy, the wife of William Boles, of Blooming Grove township, and Levi, who is deceased. The mother of these children died in 1854 and Mr. Bricker was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Harriett Slusman, who died in 1890.

David Bricker received his education in the country schools of the community, the sessions being held in a log schoolhouse one and one-half miles from his home, to which he walked, and aided his father in his farming operations up to the time he was twenty-one years of age. He then engaged in farming on his own account, his success in this direction being indicated by the amount of property he has accumulated, the larger part of which has been wholly acquired through his own industry and ability. He engages in mixed husbandry and has lived on his present farm for forty years. The land, though separated by a roadway running through it, is all adjoining and is under the personal supervision of Mr. Bricker. The house and barn were designed and built by himself, as well as were all the other improvements on the place. His landed holdings comprise some three farms in all.

On December 15, 1860, Mr. Bricker was united in marriage to Miss Susanna Urich, a native of Franklin township. Unto this union were born nine children, namely: Catherine, the wife of Martin Clossin, of Blooming Grove township; George W., a resident of Mansfield, Ohio; Harriett, the wife of D. R. Martin, of Mansfield, Ohio; Jennie, the wife of Curtis Vinson; Carrie, residing at home; Addie H., the wife of Samuel Sellers, of Shelby, Ohio; Mary E., the wife of John Stough, of Mansfield, Ohio; Charles R., a civil engineer, residing in Cleveland, and David A., who died in 1883. On October 22, 1902, Mr. Bricker was called upon to mourn the loss of his devoted wife and companion of nearly half a century, who was called to her eternal rest.

Mr. Bricker has ever taken an active interest in affairs of local concern and served as township treasurer for twenty-three and one-half years, and

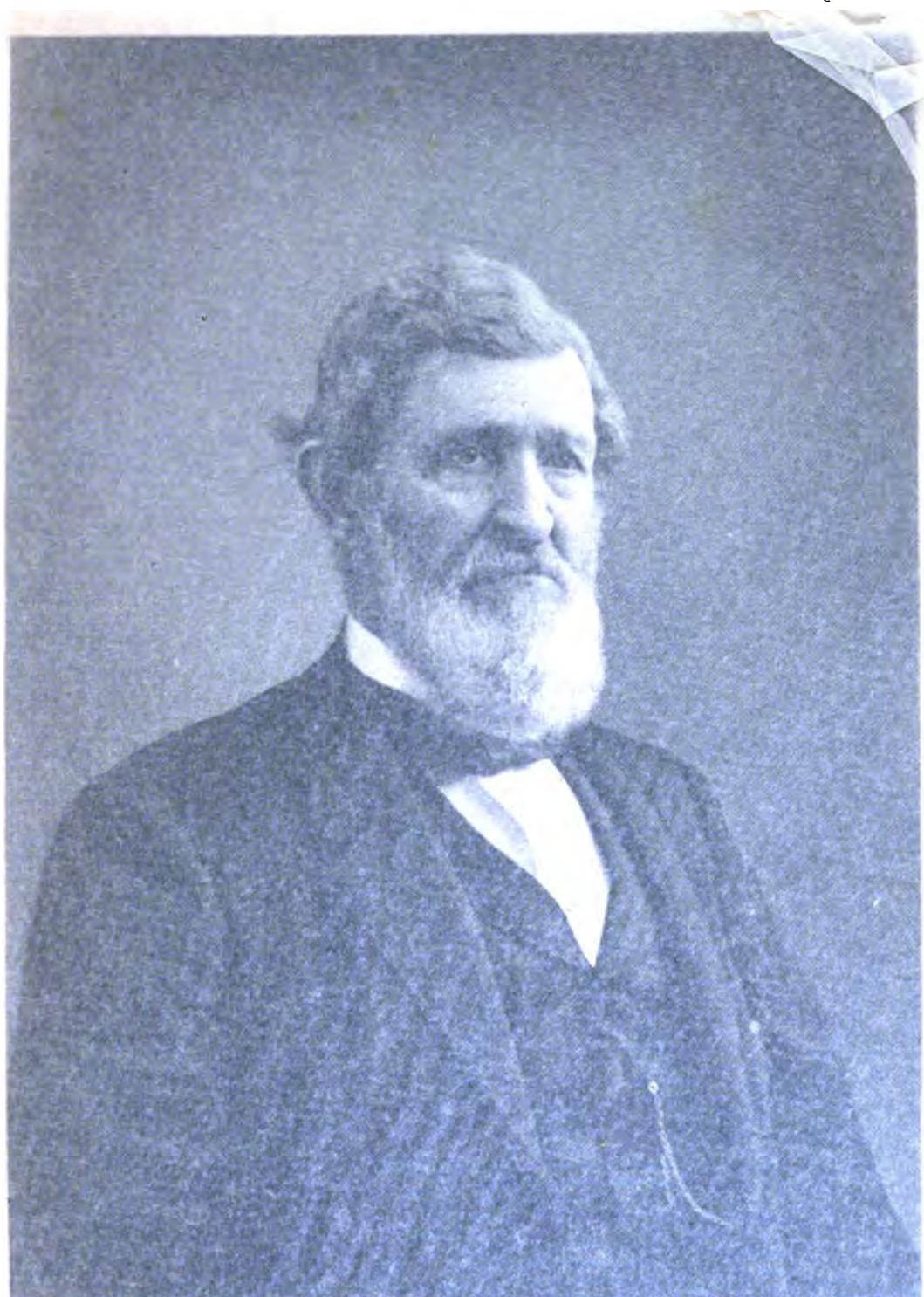
has been trustee of the Children's Home for over twelve years. Politically he is identified with the democratic party. Religiously he is a member of the Christian church.

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#### REID CARPENTER.

Reid Carpenter, the extent of whose interests along many lines entitles him to representation in this volume as one of the prominent and influential citizens of Mansfield, his native city, was born on the 6th of June, 1853. His father, George F. Carpenter, was likewise a native of Richland county and resided here as a practicing attorney until the time of his death in 1901. He was one of the founders of the Citizens National Bank and served as its president from the time of its organization until his demise. After having clerked for about a year in a mercantile store in Philadelphia, he removed to Mansfield in 1847 and took up the study of law, being admitted to the bar in 1850. He at once associated himself in practice with General McLaughlin, but the following year went to California during the time of the gold excitement there, remaining in that state for almost a year and meeting with a reasonable measure of success. In 1852 he was united in marriage to Miss Jeannette Reid, whose mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Reid, the widow of Rev. Robert Reid, resided for many years on the present site of the courthouse. Unto Mr. and Mrs. George F. Carpenter were born the following children: Reid, the subject of this review, is the eldest of the family. Frank G. is a newspaper correspondent of Washington, D. C. John L., who was associated for some years as a traveling salesman for the Aultman-Taylor Company and afterward became a banker and broker in central Nebraska, died in that state as the result of an accident in 1884. Elizabeth S. is the wife of S. E. Findley, of Mansfield. Dan died in Colorado at the age of twenty-three years, having for several years previously been connected with the wholesale lumber business in Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio. Jeannette C. is the wife of C. S. Tandy, of Vevay, Indiana.

Reid Carpenter was educated in the public schools of Mansfield and in the University of Wooster, Ohio, being graduated from the latter institution in 1875. Subsequently pursuing a course in the law department of the University of Michigan, he was admitted to the bar in 1877, and for a number of years was successfully engaged in practice here with H. B. Dirlan. He also became associated with the Humphrys Manufacturing Company at the time of its establishment and for a number of years has been its treasurer. He was likewise one of the original incorporators of the Ohio Brass Company and has since served as a director of the concern. In 1891, together with the late Hon. M. B. Harter, Rush Taggart, of New York city, and S. N. Ford, he purchased the Citizens Electric Railway, Light & Power Company, of Mansfield, which company afterward built the Shelby Interurban Railway. In 1901 he became president of the Citizens National Bank and thus added the executive control of an important financial institution to the varied



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Long & Son, Johnsonville, and was a member of the firm until his death. Politically he was a member of the Democratic party.

He was born in Johnsonville, Ohio, April 1, 1822, and died there January 2, 1898.

He was a son of John and Mary (McLaughlin) McLaughlin, who were married in 1820.

John McLaughlin was a native of Ireland, and came to America in 1830.

He settled in Johnsonville, where he engaged in the manufacture of leather goods.

He was a member of the Methodist church, and a prominent citizen.

He died in 1853, and his wife died in 1856.

John McLaughlin had three sons and two daughters.

John, the subject of this sketch, was the second son.

He was a member of the Methodist church, and a prominent citizen.

He was a member of the Masonic order, and a member of the Odd Fellows.

He was a member of the Johnsonville Fire Department, and a member of the Johnsonville Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

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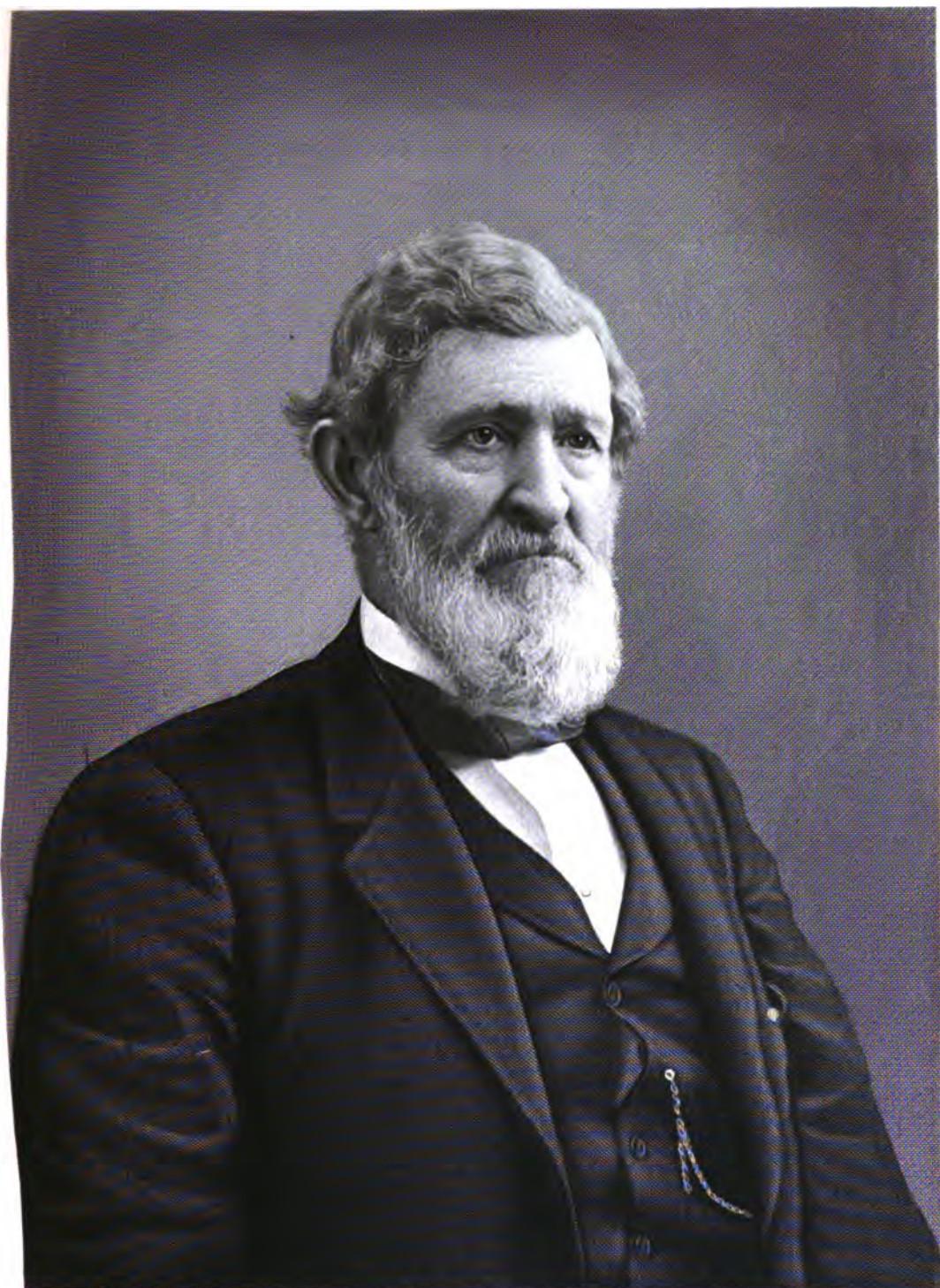
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duties devolving upon him in connection with his commercial and other connections. He is now engaged in stock-raising to a large extent, being senior member of the firm of Carpenter & Ross, who have one of the largest and best herds of shorthorn cattle in the country, with stock farms located three miles southeast of Mansfield. His life has been so varied in its activity, so honorable in its purposes, so far-reaching and beneficial in its effects that it has become an integral part of the history of the city and has also left an impress upon the annals of the state. In no sense a man in public life, he has nevertheless exerted an immeasurable influence on the city of his residence; in business life as a financier and promoter of extensive industrial and commercial enterprises; in social circles by reason of a charming personality and unfeigned cordiality; in politics by reason of his public spirit and devotion to the general good as well as his comprehensive understanding of the questions affecting state and national welfare; and in those departments of activity which ameliorate hard conditions of life for the unfortunate by his benevolence and his liberality.

Mr. Carpenter gives stalwart allegiance to the republican party and keeps in touch with the advanced thought of his profession through his membership in the Richland County Bar Association, while fraternally he is an Elk. In 1889, at Youngstown, Ohio, he was united in marriage to Miss Clara Cornell; a daughter of A. B. Cornell of that place. The children of this union are three in number: Helen, Jeannette and Amy, all at home.

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#### J. R. McDANEL.

Among the venerable pioneer citizens of Richland county, none is more deserving of mention in this volume than is J. R. McDanel, for no man has taken a more active part in its substantial growth and development. The farm of one hundred and twenty acres, situated on section 26, Monroe township, was entered from the government by his father in 1826, and here our subject has spent the greater part of his life, covering a period of eighty-seven years.

Mr. McDanel was born in Pennsylvania, September 8, 1821, a son of William and Mary (Richie) McDanel, who were natives of Delaware, and came to Richland county in 1826, at which time the father entered one hundred and twenty acres of land from the government. He built a log cabin eighteen by twenty-two feet, with clapboard roof and puncheon floor. Here the family lived for five years, and this crude dwelling was then replaced by one of hewed logs, in which the parents lived throughout their remaining days, the father passing away in 1854, while the mother survived for a few years, her death occurring in 1862. Of their family of eight children our subject is the only surviving member.

J. R. McDanel was a little lad of five years when he was brought by his parents from the Keystone state to Richland county. He shared with the other members of the family in the hardships and trials incident to life on

the frontier. As soon as old enough he was trained to the duties of the farm, assisting his father during the seasons of plowing, planting and harvesting, while during the winter months he attended the district schools. He continued to give his father the benefit of his services until he had attained his majority, when he assumed the management of the home farm until his father's death, after which he came into possession of the property and has made his home thereon to the present time. During the years that have come and gone it has been made a valuable tract, owing to the improvements placed thereon and also to the care and labor bestowed upon the fields. For many years he was active in carrying on agricultural pursuits, but now in the evening of life he is leaving the more active work to others.

Mr. McDanel has been twice married. He was first wedded in 1843 to Miss Dorothy Keller, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, and by this union there were born seven children, of whom only two are now living, namely: Harriet Ann, the wife of Aaron Baughman, of Monroe township, and Jane, the wife of John Reiter, of Newville, Ohio. Mr. McDanel was married a second time in 1881, this union being with Johan Robinson, who was born in Richland county in 1850 and is one of a family of seven children, whose parents are both deceased. By her marriage she has become the mother of five children, as follows: J. R., Jr., at home; Odessa M., the wife of Alfred Collins, of Richland county; Elizabeth, at home; and Samuel J. and Nancy E., also under the parental roof.

Politically Mr. McDanel is a democrat, but has never been active as an office holder, preferring to give his undivided time and attention to his private business interests. Brought to Richland county when a little lad of five years, he has lived to see it develop from a wild region into one of the thriving districts of the east. To the pioneer of the early days, far removed from the privileges and conveniences of city or town, the struggle for existence was a stern and hard one, but like other pioneers Mr. McDanel possessed that indomitable energy and sterling worth that has enabled him to fight life's battles, and now at the age of eighty-seven years he is able to live in comparative ease, enjoying the comforts and conveniences that are now to be found in this section of the state.

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#### JOHN KNOX.

John Knox, deceased, was one of the most successful farmers and honored citizens of Washington township, his home being on section 32. He was a native of that township, born on section 29, February 8, 1836, and was a son of John and Mary (Muncy) Knox, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania, the former May 25, 1784, and the latter July 17, 1794. They were married in Washington county, that state, on the 27th of May, 1813, and in 1822 came to Richland county, Ohio, locating on section 29, Washington township, where the father purchased one hundred and eighty-four acres of land and in the midst of the forest cleared and improved a farm. His first home here was a

log cabin and for several years the family lived in true pioneer style. In his farming operations he met with excellent success and besides his property in this county he owned four hundred and eighty acres of land in Morrow county, Ohio, and also some western land. He died on the old homestead at the age of eighty-three years and his wife, who survived him for some time, passed away at the same age. They were faithful members of the United Presbyterian church. Unto them were born fifteen children, of whom ten reached manhood and womanhood, and four of the number are still living, namely: Mrs. Nancy Huston, a resident of Maryland; Mrs. Unity Brown Bloomfield, of Iowa; Wilson B., of Washington township, this county; and Milton, who is in the west.

During his boyhood John Knox received a common-school education and he remained with his parents until his marriage. It was on the 10th of April, 1860, that he wedded Miss Mary Campbell, who was born in Findlay, Ohio, March 17, 1838. Her parents were John and Jane (Sands) Campbell, both natives of Pennsylvania, whence they removed to Findlay, Ohio, in the '30s. There her father owned and operated a mill and on coming to Richland county located in the Rocky Ford, where he erected a mill and secured six hundred acres of land, which he improved, but finally sold that property and bought another mill at Bellville, which he operated until his death. Success attended his well directed efforts and he became quite well-to-do. He died in 1867, at the age of sixty-eight years, and his wife passed away in 1875, at the age of seventy-five. This worthy couple were the parents of twelve children, but only Mrs. Knox and her sister Keziah, of Bellville, are now living.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox had only one child, Eva, who was married April 12, 1905, to Florin Sagar, who was born April 23, 1859, and is a son of George W. and Ann (Hozac) Sagar. His father was a native of Virginia and died in Knox county, Ohio, in September, 1907, at the age of seventy-five years, but his mother, who was born in Perry township, this county, is still living at the age of seventy-one years and makes her home in Knox county. She has another son, Herbert Sagar, with whom she resides.

After his marriage Mr. Knox removed to Morrow county, Ohio, and purchased one hundred acres of land, which he cultivated for four years, but at the end of that time he sold the place and returned to Richland county, where in partnership with a brother and his father-in-law he bought three hundred and sixty acres of land on section 32, Washington township. When it came into their possession this was all timber land, but they cleared away the trees and converted it into good farming land. After a few years the property was divided and Mrs. Knox is now the owner of two hundred and nine acres, which her husband improved and cultivated up to the time of his death. He erected thereon a fine residence, large barns and substantial outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, and being an energetic and progressive business man as well as an up-to-date farmer, he met with good success in his undertakings, so that he was able to leave his family in very comfortable circumstances. He was always a lover of stock and had a large number of good horses, cattle, sheep and hogs upon his place. Since her father's death Mrs. Sagar has superintended the operation of the farm and she seems to have inherited her father's

business ability and his love for fine stock, so that her efforts have also been attended with good success. Mr. Knox was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church, to which his widow also belongs, and in politics was an ardent democrat. After a useful and well spent life he passed away March 29, 1903, honored and respected by all who knew him.

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#### HON. ROBERT ERSKINE HUTCHISON.

Among the abler members of the Richland county bar is numbered Hon. Robert Erskine Hutchison, who has also won for himself a creditable reputation as a lawmaker by his beneficial service in the state legislature. He has practiced continuously at the bar of the county for eleven years and has made rapid advancement, having now a large and distinctively representative clientele. His birth occurred in Butler county, Pennsylvania, June 29, 1871, his parents being the Rev. William R. and Serepta (Gailey) Hutchison, the former a minister of the United Presbyterian church.

The ancestry of the family can be traced back to James Hutchison, who came to America from County Armagh, Ireland, in 1754, and settled on a farm near New London, Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Presbyterian church in early life, but not being able to accept the doctrines of that denomination he joined the Associate church at Oxford. It was on the account of their religious views that the family left Scotland and removed to Ireland. Samuel Hutchison was a lad of twelve years when he accompanied his father, James Hutchison, to America. He served his adopted country as a soldier in the Revolutionary war and crossed the Delaware with Washington's army and spent the winter at Valley Forge. Joseph Hutchison of this family was on the list of "next to be called" for the Mexican war, but the close of hostilities relieved him from service. The Rev. William R. Hutchison, father of our subject, was born near Oxford, Pennsylvania, and was a captain of Company A of the Sixth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteer Heavy Artillery in the Civil war. He has devoted many years of his life to the active work of the ministry, but is now retired and resides in Savannah, Ohio.

Robert E. Hutchison was two years of age when his parents removed from Pennsylvania to Ottawa, Kansas. He acquired his early education in the public schools there and afterward attended the academy at Savannah, Ohio, having become a resident of Ashland county, Ohio, at the age of eighteen years. He finished his course in Savannah Academy in 1893 and then began preparation for a professional career as a law student in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, completing the course by graduation with the class of 1896. After some eight months spent in the west Mr. Hutchison located for practice at Mansfield in June, 1897, and has since been an active member of the bar here. Close application, laudable ambition and a comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence have enabled him to carve his name high on the legal arch of Richland county. He prepares his cases with great thoroughness and care and gives a forceful presentation before court or

jury, so that he has won many notable verdicts favorable to his clients. In 1901 he was elected to the city council to finish out the unexpired term of T. R. Robinson, who had been elected mayor, representing the tenth ward. Still higher official honors awaited him, however, in his election to the legislature in 1905. His work while there was characterized by an unfaltering devotion to the interests of his constituents and the commonwealth. He was active in committee work and gave to each question which came up for settlement a most thoughtful and earnest consideration.

In 1905 Mr. Hutchison was married to Miss Mary H. Gibson, of Mansfield, who was a native of the north of Ireland and came to America at the age of twelve years with her parents, David II. and Martha Gibson, the former a merchant of the Emerald Isle. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison hold membership with the United Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee. He also belongs to the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks at Mansfield; to Madison Lodge, No. 26, K. P.; to Venus Lodge, No. 152, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; and to the Mansfield Commandery, No. 21, Knights Templar. His political allegiance has always been given to the democracy and while he has made a creditable record in office, his attention has been chiefly given to his professional labors, which he regards as his real life work. His devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial and he has secured a gratifying patronage.

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#### WILLIAM B. WOLFORD.

William B. Wolford carries on general farming in Weller township and is thoroughly familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. The house which is now his place of residence was also his birthplace. Under its roof he first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 7th of December, 1865, his parents being David and Leah (Kohler) Wolford, who were natives of Pennsylvania.

The father was brought to Richland county, Ohio, by his parents when only four years of age and here lived until his death, which occurred in 1903. He had long survived his wife, who died in August, 1885. They were the parents of seven children: Maria, now the wife of Samuel Pugh, of this county; Amos, deceased; Sarah, the wife of Henry Pugh, who is also living in this locality; Darius, whose home is in Topeka, Kansas; Allen, living in Richland county; Henry, deceased; and William B. The last named remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority and then purchased a half interest in the home farm of one hundred and sixty-nine acres in Weller township. He had previously attended the common schools and had therein mastered the branches of English learning which well equips one for life's journey and responsible duties. The occupation to which he was reared he chose as his life work and has always carried on general farming, displaying such energy and determination in the conduct of his business that he has gained therefrom a gratifying and substantial success.

In 1892 Mr. Wolford was united in marriage to Miss Naoma Hursh, who was born in this county and is a daughter of Henry and Harriet Hursh, who are residents of Madison township. Their family numbered seven children, including Mrs. Wolford, who by her marriage has become the mother of four children: Hattie Marie, Cleo L., Ruth Esther and Mary E. The parents are both consistent and faithful members of the Lutheran church and in its work are actively interested. Mr. Wolford gives his political allegiance to the democracy, has been officially connected with the schools and is now serving on the board. A resident of this county from his birth, the fact that his life has been well spent is indicated by the confidence and trust entertained for him by his fellow townsmen, who recognize him as a worthy citizen and one who is ever loyal to the best interests of the community.

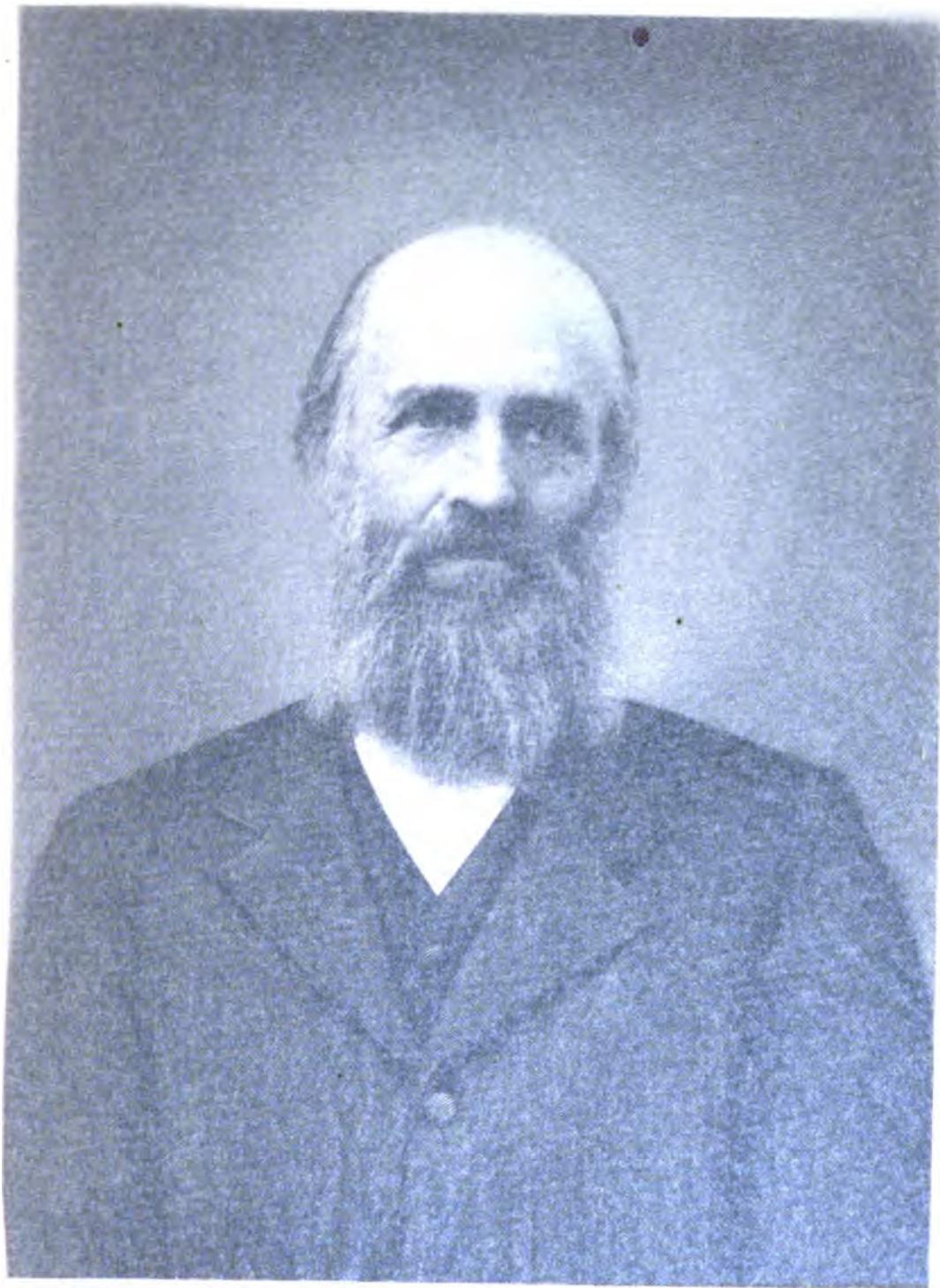
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#### JOHN L. GARBER.

There is particular interest in reverting to the life history of the honored and venerable gentleman whose name initiates this review, for his mind bears the impress of the historical annals of the state of Ohio from the early pioneer days to the present time. For a long period he was identified with the agricultural interests of this section of the state but now at the age of eighty-two years he is living retired, having in former years accumulated a competency that now supplies him with all the comforts of life.

John L. Garber was born near his present home, December 11, 1826, a son of Samuel and Catherine (Leedy) Garber, the former born in York county, Pennsylvania, May 8, 1804. His father entered the war of 1812 as a civilian employee and was never heard from afterward. The mother then removed to Bedford county, Pennsylvania, where the son Samuel was placed in charge of a relative, who mistreated him and he returned to his mother, who in the meantime had married Samuel Brawler. Samuel Garber remained in his native state until 1821, when he made his way to Richland county and for a time worked at the shoemaker's trade, after which he was employed by John Leedy, a farmer. It was there that he formed the acquaintance of the daughter, Catherine Leedy, whom he afterward made his wife. He then began farming on his own account and spent his remaining days in Richland county. His family numbered twelve children, of whom our subject is the eldest.

John L. Garber was reared on his father's farm, assisting in clearing the wild land and developing the fields into a cultivable tract. During those early days the family had to endure many hardships, the methods of farming being quite unlike those of the present day, and the family had to go to Sandusky to do their trading. Mr. Garber remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, at which time he went to Cedar county, Iowa, to join an uncle, who was a millwright by trade. He worked as a millwright in that state for three years, when he once more returned to Richland county and engaged in repairing mills along the Clear fork. He also assisted



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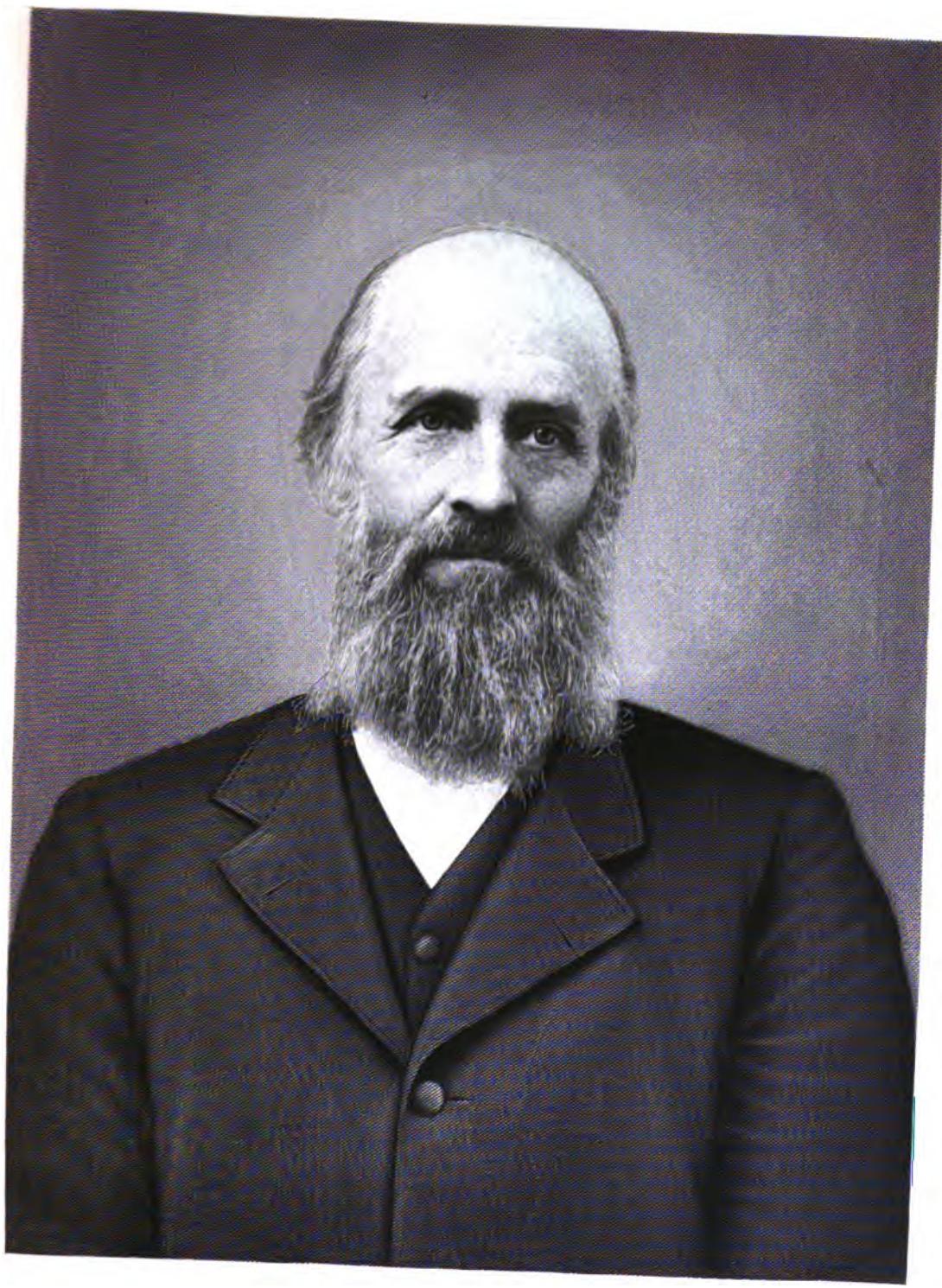
to Miss Naoma Hursh, who  
is the wife of Dr. J. W. Hursh and Harriet Hursh, who  
is the widow of Dr. J. W. Hursh, numbered seven children,  
of whom three have died. Mrs. Hursh has become the mother of four  
grandchildren, two boys and two girls, of whom the oldest is Mary E. The parents are  
members of the Methodist church and in its work  
have given their services. Mrs. Hursh has given her entire political allegiance to the  
Methodist church and is now serving as a member of the Board of Education. At the time of his birth, the fact that his life  
was to be spent in the service of God and man was foreseen and trust entertained for  
him. He has always been a good boy and has always been regarded as a worthy citizen and one  
who will bring credit to his family and community.

CARBER.

going to the life history of the honored  
naturalist, we see how, for his mind bears  
the stamp of those days from the early pioneer  
days, he has been identified with the age  
of science. He died at the age of eighty-two,  
and had during his long career cultivated a competen-

born in Yonkers, New York, December 11, 1822. His father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and died in 1821. The mother died in 1825. His brother, George Sumner, who had been a student at Princeton, returned to England in 1826, and died there in 1832. Samuel Garber, his mother's brother, came from New Haven to New York in 1827, and settled in Rutherford, New Jersey, where he died in 1852.

the first time I ever saw a cedar tree, and I have since seen many more. The wood is very hard, and is used for fence posts, and to build houses. It is also used for the piers of bridges. Cedar wood is also used as a medicine, and is applied to the skin to cure diseases.



John S. Garber

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in building a steam mill in Wyandot county, Ohio. About that time his father erected a brick house, the first in this section of the state, and Mr. Garber roofed the dwelling. This induced some of the neighbors to solicit his services in the erection of houses and in all he helped to build sixteen dwellings. He then engaged in farming, having purchased sixty acres in Worthington township, which he farmed for one year. Disposing of that property, he then bought one hundred and sixty acres in partnership with a brother but this was later divided, our subject taking eighty acres on section 33, Jefferson township. To this he later added from time to time as his financial resources increased until he possessed three hundred and twenty acres. For a long period he continued to carry on agricultural pursuits on an extensive scale and accumulated quite a comfortable fortune. About a year ago he divided his land among his children and since that time has lived in well earned ease.

On the 27th of August, 1854, Mr. Garber was united in marriage to Miss Mary Swank, who was born October 21, 1830, and still survives. Their union was blessed with ten children, namely: Zeriah, who was born March 24, 1855; Elizabeth; Samuel, who owns a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Knox county; Catherine; Florence; Alvira; Charles; one who died in infancy; Walter; and two who died in infancy.

Mr. Garber has strong prohibition tendencies but casts an independent vote, regarding men and measures rather than party ties. He served as trustee for two terms and also filled the office of school director. He is a charter member of Jefferson Grange, while both he and his wife are members of the Universalist church.

Mr. Garber is accorded a place among the pioneer citizens of Richland county, for he belongs to that class of men whose enterprising spirit has been used not alone for his own benefit but for the advancement of the community in which he has always made his home. He is widely and favorably known throughout the county and receives that respect and veneration which should ever be accorded one who has advanced thus far on the journey of life.

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#### FRANKLIN PAUL CRUM.

Franklin Paul Crum is one of the extensive landowners of Sharon township. He inherited valuable property interests and although fate thus aided him at the outset of his career, he has displayed in the conduct of his property sound business judgment and keen sagacity, and in all of his relations has manifested that irreproachable business integrity which is one of the most valuable assets in a successful career. He was born January 25, 1879, on the farm on section 12, Sharon township, where he now makes his home.

His father, Michael Crum, was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1832, and was a son of Moses and Margaret (Rex) Crum, whose family numbered four sons and two daughters. The sons always followed the

occupation of farming, which was also the life work of their father, who removed to Sharon township with his family in 1840. The previous year he had walked the entire distance from his home in Pennsylvania to Ohio in order to look over the country where he wished to settle. Being pleased with the district and its future prospects he returned home, hitched four horses to his wagon and with his family and household goods started for the then new country. They settled on a farm where Michael Crum spent nearly his entire life and in the early days the family bore all the experiences and hardships incident to a frontier experience. The death of Moses Crum occurred on this farm September 28, 1873, when he had reached the age of eighty-five years, eight months and twenty-seven days. His first purchase of land consisted of eighty acres of timber, which he cleared and improved, and afterward he bought the adjacent property, which is now in possession of Franklin P. Crum. His children were: Elizabeth, who died April 2, 1874; Daniel, who died February 21, 1901; Mollie, deceased; Jacob, who resides near Tiro, Crawford county, Ohio; George, who died in 1897; and the father of our subject.

Michael Crum aided in the arduous task of developing the wild land, performing his share of the work of the fields, and as opportunity afforded he acquired his education in the public schools. At the time of the Civil war he offered his services to the government in defense of the Union, enlisting for nine months as a member of Company F of the Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Although his time expired two days before the battle of Gettysburg, he did not leave the army, for he felt that his service was still needed. He entered that engagement and was wounded in both legs by a minie ball on the first day of the engagement. His oldest brother had been drafted for the war, and as he had a family to support Michael Crum had volunteered in his place, saying to his brother, "Jacob, I will go in your place." He did so and with his regiment was attached to the Second Brigade of the Third Division of the Second Army Corps. After being wounded he was taken prisoner, but the next day the rebels retreated and he was left once more among friends. He was then removed to the county infirmary, which was being used as an army hospital. The place was only about ten miles from the place of his birth and a friend visiting the hospital recognized him and notified his people, who came and cared for him. From this wound, however, he suffered to his dying day. As soon as he had sufficiently recovered he received an honorable discharge and returned home.

On the 28th of September, 1876, Michael Crum was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Coble, a daughter of Christian and Mary (Gartner) Coble, who were among the early settlers of Richland county and assisted materially in its development and progress. In their family were four sons and five daughters, eight of whom are living. In the spring following his marriage Mr. Crum erected an elegant residence upon his farm about a mile west of Shelby and there he maintained his home until his death, which occurred February 19, 1904. The community had learned to esteem and honor him as a prominent and representative citizen and as a successful business man, and his death, therefore, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. His wife died October 16, 1906, at the age of sixty-three years.

Franklin Paul Crum, reared under the parental roof, is now the owner of valuable farm property, which came to him by inheritance from his father, grandfather and other relatives. The home place practically comprises two farms, aggregating two hundred acres, and it was upon this tract that his grandfather, Moses C., settled in 1839. He also owns one hundred and sixty-four acres, covering the northwest quarter of section 2, Sharon township. The three farms which came to him are now well improved with good buildings, in fact the buildings upon the home place are especially substantial and attractive and are always kept in a state of good repair. Mr. Crum gives his personal supervision to both of these farms, while he rents the place of one hundred and sixty-four acres on section 2. He lives a busy life, his time being fully occupied with the work of carrying on the farms, which he does in a most progressive manner.

On the 28th of September, 1898, Mr. Crum was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Smith, a native of Shiloh, Richland county, and a daughter of Ira Smith. Two children have been born to them: Clifford and Waldo. As a representative of one of the pioneer families Mr. Crum well deserves mention in this volume, but is even more entitled to representation from the fact that his entire life has gained him a place with the leading and prominent residents of the community. He is active and enterprising in business, loyal in his citizenship, and pays the utmost regard to the duties which he owes his fellow-men. In manner he is social and genial and has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

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#### JUDSON S. ATEN.

Judson S. Aten, a successful stock-buyer of Lexington, was born in Wyandot county, Ohio, August 1, 1867, his parents being Richard and Martha (Arrowsmith) Aten, the former born in Ashland county, Ohio, in 1834, and the latter near Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1838. They came to Richland county in 1874, locating in Troy township, where they purchased land and made their home until 1893, when they returned to Wyandot county. Both the father and mother are living in South Sandusky at the present time. Their family numbers two children, namely: Judson S., of this review, and Vernie, the wife of Judson Perrine, of Sandusky, Ohio.

Judson S. Aten was a lad of seven years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to this county, and was reared to the pursuits of the farm, acquiring his education in the district schools. He remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage and subsequently rented his father's farm for five years, on the expiration of which period the place was given to him. It consists of two hundred and twenty-one acres of rich and well improved land in Troy township, in the cultivation of which he was successfully engaged until 1899, when he came to Lexington, and has since superintended the farming of the place from here. He purchased his present home place of twenty-five acres on the edge of the town and has since been

engaged in buying and shipping stock, having met with a large degree of prosperity in his undertakings by reason of his indefatigable industry and capable management.

In December, 1892, Mr. Aten was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Purdy, whose birth occurred in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, March 31, 1868. Her parents, George and Ann (McCleaster) Purdy, are both natives of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and still reside there, the father having attained the age of sixty-five years, while the mother is sixty-four years of age. They had eight children, namely: Elmer, Alvin, Mrs. Ella Wallace, William, Howard and Effie, all of whom make their home in the Keystone state; Mrs. Aten, and one who is deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Aten have been born five children: Anna, Helen, Raymond, Mildred and George.

Mr. Aten gives stalwart allegiance to the men and measures of the democracy, and his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church. Having been a resident of this county for a third of a century, he is well and favorably known here and is, moreover, widely recognized as a substantial business man and public-spirited citizen.

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#### HUBBERT E. BELL.

Hubbert E. Bell, who for twenty-seven years has been an active member of the Richland county bar, was born in Franklin township, near Mansfield, on the 30th of June, 1857. His father, Samuel Bell, was a farmer and a native of Washington county, Maryland, of Pennsylvania Dutch lineage. He came to Ohio in 1844, settling on a farm where the birth of his son, Hubbert, occurred, and after successfully following agricultural pursuits for many years he removed to Mansfield and retired from active life. The next twenty years was spent in well-earned ease, and on the 31st of January, 1906, he passed away. He was the moving spirit in the pioneer singing society and also of the historical society of the county, being most active in both organizations. Although he attained the venerable age of eighty-three years, he retained all of his faculties unimpaired to a remarkable degree until he passed from this life. In 1847 he married Martha M. Gates, a native of this county, who is still living at the age of eighty-two years. They have three sons and three daughters.

Hubbert E. Bell, the eldest son, was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with the duties incident to the development of the fields and the care of the crops. He supplemented a common-school course by study in the Ada (Ohio) Normal school, now the Northwestern Ohio University, one of the strongest educational institutions in the country. He taught school for a number of years in Richland county and devoted the hours which are usually termed leisure to the study of law, under the direction of Thomas Y. McCray, and on the 8th of June, 1881, he was admitted to the bar and entered at once upon active practice, forming a partnership with Mr. McCray. This relation was maintained for three years, or until the election of Mr.

Bell as county prosecutor in 1886. He received public endorsement of his first term of service in reelection in 1889, and he served for two terms or for six years. In 1892 he was appointed by President Cleveland as postmaster of Mansfield, continuing in the position for four years. In 1887 he formed a law partnership with George Brinkerhoff, with whom he was associated in general practice until 1904, since which time he has been alone. No one better knows the necessity for thorough preparation and no one more industriously prepares his cases than Mr. Bell. His course in the court room is characterized by a calmness and dignity that indicate reserve strength. He is always courteous and deferential toward the court, kind and forbearing toward his adversaries, his handling of the case is always full, comprehensive and accurate; his analyzation of the facts is clear and exhaustive. He sees without effort the relation and dependence of the facts and so groups them as to enable him to throw their combined force upon the point they tend to prove.

On the 13th of October, 1881, Mr. Bell was married in Shelby to Miss Valletta E. Skiles, a daughter of John G. Skiles, of Shelby. They are well known socially, the hospitality of the best homes of this city being freely accorded them. Mr. Bell is a Lutheran in religious faith and has been a most active and helpful worker in the church, serving as deacon and as Sunday school teacher for many years. He votes with the democracy and his opinions carry weight in party counsels. He has been identified with city, county and state politics and has served on the state and county central committees. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Elks, in both of which he has held office, and in more specifically professional lines his membership extends to the County and State Bar Associations.

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#### CHARLES M. HUGHES.

Charles M. Hughes in his final choice of farming as a vocation has inadvertently paid one of the highest possible tributes of respect to the industry, as after an extensive career in mercantile life, in which he has served as traveling salesman and representative, both at home and abroad, he is now engaged in farming from choice, and not from a fortunate combination of circumstances, as is so often the case. He was born in the township in which he now resides on September 13, 1853, the son of David and Fanny (Palmer) Hughes. His father was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, in 1825, and was brought by his parents to Richland county when a lad of but twelve years. He was one of a family of ten children and was reared on his father's farm, and contributed his energies to the general advancement of the family interests up to the time of his marriage. He wedded Fanny Palmer, a sketch of whose life as Mrs. Fanny Hughes appears elsewhere in this edition, and they became the parents of ten children, of whom our subject was the first in the order of birth. The father passed away in August, 1890. The mother now resides on the home place.

Charles M. Hughes was reared on the home place in Weller township and received his education in the common schools. He remained with his parents, aiding in the work of the farm, until twenty-six years of age. In 1880 he went to California, where he resided one year, during which time he contracted rheumatism and returned home, where he was sick during the following year. A dryer climate and a higher altitude were necessary, however, for his complete recovery, and in search of these he went to South Dakota, where he preempted a claim of one hundred and sixty acres and a tree claim of one hundred and sixty acres. He proved up on his preemption claim and entered one hundred and sixty acres additional. In 1885 he sold out his land interests and returned home, where he spent one year. In 1887 he accepted a position with the Aultman-Taylor people, of Mansfield, Ohio, manufacturers of threshing machines and farm machinery, and was sent by them as their representative and salesman to Mexico, where he remained for five years.

On his return to the northern States, in 1892, he was for one year identified with the Ashland Hardware Company, of Ashland, Ohio. On leaving this firm he bought a seventy-acre interest in his father's estate, on which he built a residence and established a home. In the spring of 1895 he was engaged by the Associated Manufacturers Company as a representative to introduce American goods into the Orient, and with a complete line of samples of farm machinery he went first to Germany, thence to Braila, Roumania, where he remained for some months; then on to Odessa, in southern Russia, returning home in the fall of 1895, since which time his main interests have been centered in agricultural pursuits.

On September 4, 1889, Mr. Hughes was united in marriage to Miss Emma B. Stober, who was born in Ashland county, Ohio, October 9, 1866, the daughter of Levi and Anna (Moser) Stober. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1829, whence he came to Richland county when he was twenty-two years of age on a visit, and after making a number of trips to this locality he finally decided to locate in Ashland county, which he did about 1856, and in 1874 he removed to Weller township, Richland county, where he spent the remainder of his days. He was twice married, his first wife being Sarah Haymaker, who died in early womanhood, leaving one daughter, Celicia, now the wife of Mr. Brendel, of Lebanon county, Pennsylvania. His second union was with Anna Moser, who was born in Berne, Switzerland, and came to America when eighteen years of age and located in Ashland county. Unto this union were born ten children, namely: Melinda, the wife of Walter Zimmerman, of Ashland county; John P., a medical practitioner of Lexington, Ohio; Lydia, the wife of John Martin, of Cleveland; William, deceased; Emma B., the wife of our subject; Ray, the wife of R. C. Grimes, of Mansfield, Ohio; Amanda, the wife of Grant R. Oswalt; Ida, the wife of J. E. Osburn, both of whom are residents of Mansfield; Almeda, the wife of F. A. Hughes, of this township; and Harriet, who resides at home with her mother in Mansfield. The father died in 1904 at the venerable age of seventy-five years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have been born four children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Arthur E., who was born in the city of Mexico; Carlos S.; and Thomas M.

In politics Mr. Hughes is a republican. He is public spirited and progressive, and ever ready to aid any movement or enterprise that is beneficial to the community. He is a member of the Weller Township Grange, and one of those who believe that the scientific study of agriculture is worthy one's best intellectual efforts. Religiously he is a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### JOHN NOTHACKER.

John Nothacker, who is now so efficiently serving as mayor of Shiloh, has long been identified with the business interests of that place and is now conducting a jewelry store. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, April 26, 1837, and he spent the first seventeen years of his life in his native land. His parents were Frederick and Maria (Raiser) Nothacker, also natives of Germany, where the mother spent her entire life, dying in 1842, when our subject was only five years of age. The father always remained true to her memory and never married again. In 1854, accompanied by his children, he came to the United States and located in Shelby, Ohio. He was a tailor by trade and continued to follow that occupation up to within two years of his death, dying in 1896, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. His children were Anna Maria, who married and remained in Germany; Frederick Charles, who died in Shelby, Ohio, in 1898; Mrs. Katharine Huber, deceased, whose son Charles Huber, was at one time county recorder of Richland county; Mrs. Caroline Cutler, of Wood county, Ohio; John, of this review; and Mrs. Paulina Shaffer, of Missouri.

Like all boys of his native land, John Nothacker was given good educational advantages and on leaving school at the age of fourteen years he commenced learning the ropemaker's trade, which he followed until the emigration of the family to America, where he found all rope made by machinery. After spending one year with his father in Shelby he went to Crawford county, Ohio, where he worked on a farm until 1861, and then returned to Richland county, being employed on a farm near Shelby for four years. He was then engaged in farming on his own account on rented land until his removal to Shiloh in 1867. Here he lived for about four years and then embarked in the jewelry business, which has since claimed his time and attention. He has made his home in Shiloh since 1867 with exception of one year and three months spent in Crawford county, where he also conducted a jewelry store.

In 1858 Mr. Nothacker was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Burton, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, February 26, 1837, a daughter of George and Mary (Brewer) Burton. She died on the 3d of June, 1904. They were the parents of five children, namely: Albert J., now a resident of

New York city; Charles D., who was born in 1863 and died in 1903, leaving a wife and two children; Elizabeth, the wife of Albert Mosier, of Shiloh; W. D., a resident of Lancaster, Ohio; and Mrs. Rosa B. Wilson, of Mansfield.

The democratic party has always found in Mr. Nothacker a stanch supporter of its principles and he has done all in his power to promote its success, taking quite an active and prominent part in political affairs. He served as marshal of Shiloh for sixteen years and in November, 1907, was elected mayor, which office he is now filling to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. As a public-spirited and progressive citizen he gives his earnest support to all measures which he believes calculated to promote the welfare of his town. Since 1874 he has been an honored member of Rome Lodge, No. 158, I. O. O. F., of Shiloh, and he also belongs to the encampment at Shelby.

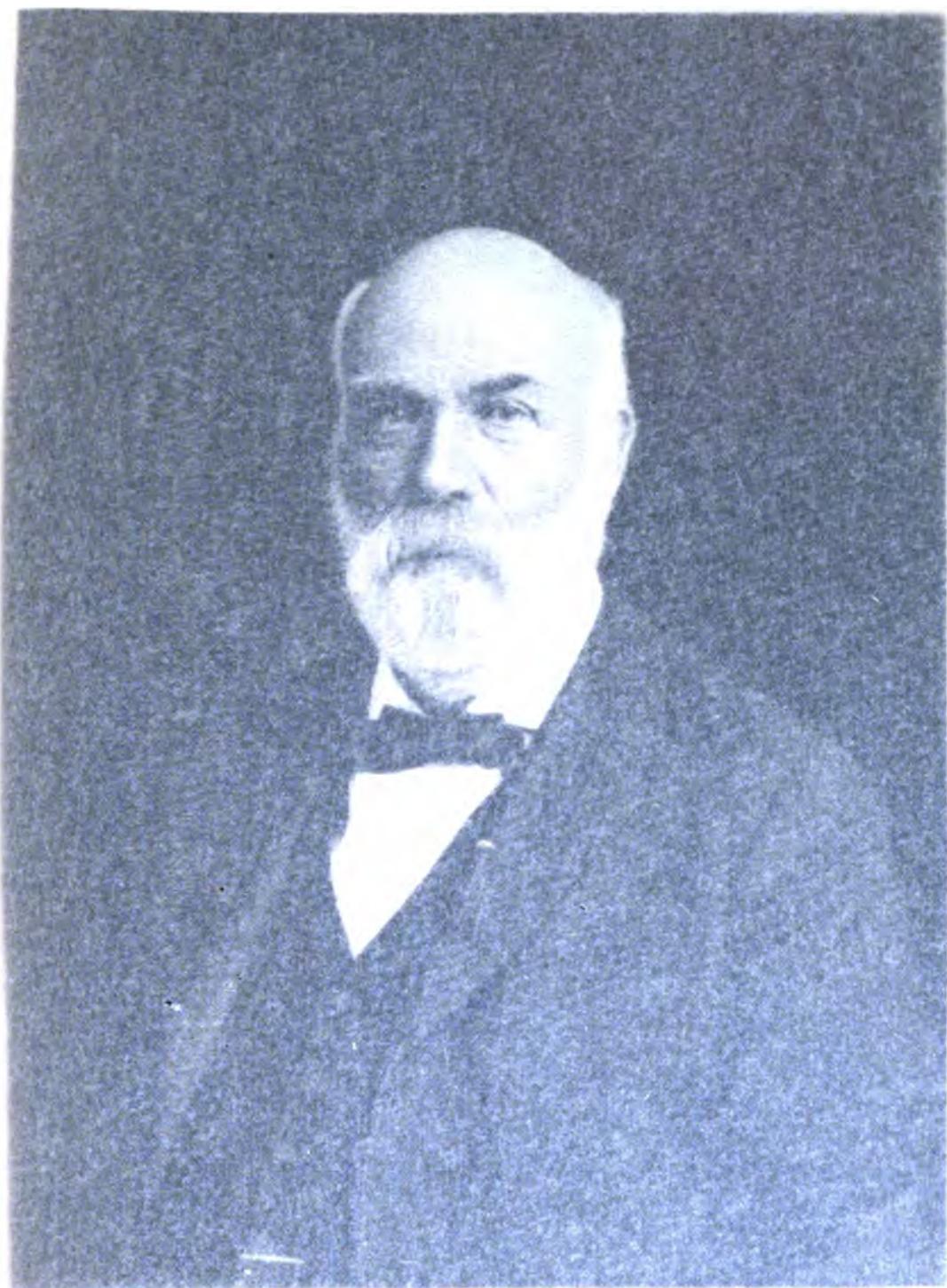
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#### DANFORTH BROWN.

Danforth Brown, who owns and occupies an excellent farm on section 7, Sharon township, has now reached the seventy-ninth milestone on the journey of life, his birth having occurred at Wellsburg, Virginia, May 7, 1829. He was six years of age when brought to Shelby by his parents, James and Jane (McGuire) Brown, who were natives of Boston, Massachusetts. The original American ancestor of the family came to this country on the Mayflower. Captain Oliver Brown, grandfather of our subject, was born at Lexington, Massachusetts, which was afterward to be the scene of the opening events of the Revolutionary war. He became a member of the American army and participated in ten different engagements. He was personally acquainted with George Washington. His son, James Brown, was born in Boston, February 19, 1794, and in 1835 came to Ohio. He conducted a hotel at Shelby, was also proprietor of a drug store and later carried on a dry-goods store in connection with Thomas Mickey. In fact, he figured prominently in business circles of the city at an early day and was one whose efforts contributed in substantial measure to the growth and development of the locality as well as to his own success. He was married in 1814 to Miss Jane McGuire and they became the parents of three sons and seven daughters, but only two are now living, Danforth and Mrs. Martha Agerter, of Lima, Ohio.

In taking up the personal history of Danforth Brown we present to our readers the life record of one who has long been a resident of the county and is familiar with many interesting incidents of the early days. When he was but a boy his father would send him on horseback to Mansfield nearly every Saturday for the mail. It was at a time when letters were received without prepaid postage and from twelve to twenty-five cents would be due on each letter. The family experienced many of the hardships and privations of pioneer life and also enjoyed many pleasures incident to the settlement of a locality. In early manhood he taught school through six winter terms in the vicinity of his home and also conducted some night schools.

On coming to Ohio the family resided at Plymouth for a short time and then removed to the farm in Plymouth township, which is now the property



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The Democratic party has always been a friend of his principles and he has done much work and prominent in the politics of Shiloh for sixteen years, which often he is now filling or the public, liberal and progressive reforms which he believes essential to the welfare of the town. He has been an honored member of Shiloh, and the author,

in Mr. Nothacker a much superior man to himself, in his power to promote its success in political affairs. He served as mayor in November, 1907, was elected mayor, to the satisfaction of all concerned. Always giving his earnest support to all measures for the welfare of his town. Since 1907 a member of the Masonic Lodge, No. 158, I. O. O. F., at Shiloh.

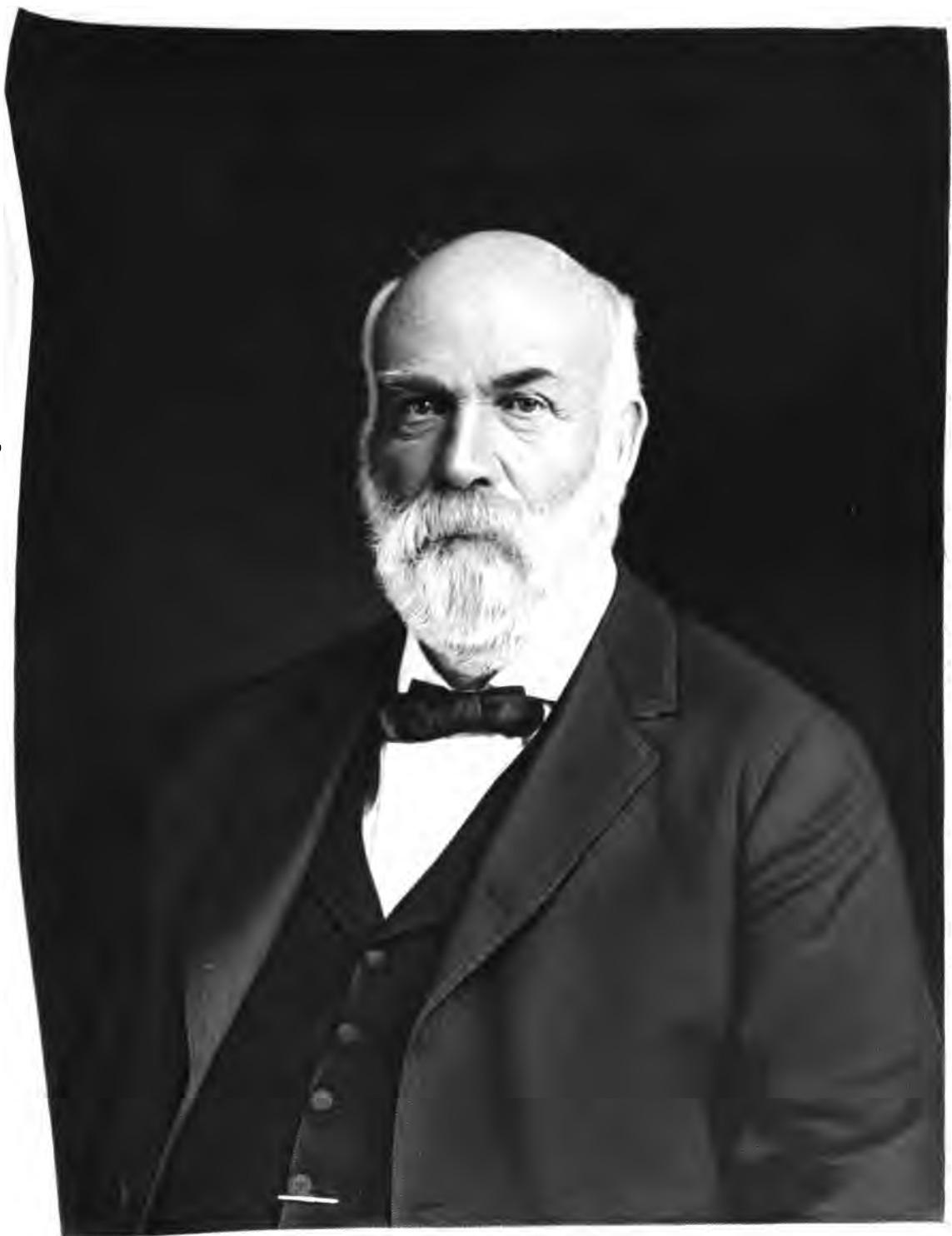
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was born by his parents James and Jane Brown, of Boston, Massachusetts. The original name of the county on the Mayflower, father of our subject, was born at Lexington, Massachusetts, afterward to be the scene of the opening events of the Revolution. He became a member of the American army and engaged in the battles of Bunker Hill, Boston, February 1776. He died at a hotel at Shelby, where he resided. He sold his store in connection with his son, George, in business circles throughout the country, whose efforts contributed in substantially to the wealth of the County as well as to his own. He married Jessie McGuire and they became the parents of three daughters, but only two are now living, Daniel and Anna, of Cleveland, Ohio.

George Linton Brown we present to our readers as one of the most prominent men of the county and one of the best known in the early days. When he was a boy he resided at Mansfield nearly every summer, and his letters were received with great interest. The cards would be due on each anniversary of his birth, and the friendships and privations of the meet- ing were the secret of his popularity, though he was a man of the vicinity and the schools.

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of Danforth Brown and is located about a mile north of his present home. Later they took up their abode in the village of Shelby, where they lived for six or eight years and then returned to the farm, whereon they spent their remaining days. Danforth Brown has been a resident of this part of the state from the age of six years and continued on the old homestead until about thirty years of age.

He had been married, however, at the age of twenty-seven years, the lady of his choice being Miss Emeline Cornwall, whom he wedded February 6, 1856. She was born in Richland county, near Mansfield, on the farm which is now occupied by the state penitentiary. Her birth occurred in 1831 and she was a daughter of Francis and Martha (Carr) Cornwall, who removed from New Jersey to Mansfield at a very early day. Later they went to Crestline and Mr. Cornwall and John Sherman started to lay out the town there but withdrew, owing to the objections of the railroad. Later Mr. Cornwall went to Iowa, where his death occurred. He was associated with Tingley and Ferson in the operation of the woolen mill at Mansfield and engaged in the manufacture of cloth for a number of years, people bringing their wool from long distances to this mill to be woven.

About three years after his marriage Mr. Brown left the home farm and took up his abode upon the farm which has since been his place of residence. He bought the property at the time of Morgan's raid as a speculation. He did not expect to remain here but has continued to do so, and throughout his entire life has engaged in general farming and stock-raising. His home farm comprises one hundred and twenty-three and a half acres, constituting the northeast quarter of section 1, Sherman township, and in 1885 he erected here his present brick residence and has made many other substantial improvements. The home farm in Plymouth township comprises one hundred and twenty acres of land and he also has two hundred acres near Pomeroy, West Virginia, which he has owned since 1862. Recently he has sold the coal rights upon that place for twenty dollars per acre. In all his business affairs he has displayed keen discernment and careful management and for many years he has been a director and stockholder of the First National Bank of Shelby.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brown were born four children, namely: Robin, who died at the age of two and a half years; Heber R., who is proprietor of a wholesale and retail grocery business at Dodge City, Kansas; William A., a coal dealer living at Cleveland; and Edwin C., who is engaged in the coal business with his brother. William Brown was an extensive horse shipper for a number of years, in which business he was associated with Mr. Kinman, of Delaware, they shipping over one hundred and fifty carloads of horses. Mr. and Mrs. Brown traveled life's journey together for more than a half century but were separated by the death of the wife July 31, 1907. She was a lady of many good traits of heart and mind and her death was the occasion of deep regret not only to her immediate family but also to many friends.

In his political views Mr. Brown has always been a stalwart republican since the organization of the party and has been more or less active in public affairs. He voted for Fremont in 1856 and for each presidential candidate

of the party since that time. He enrolled in the militia during the war, served as assessor of the township for a number of terms and has also filled other offices, the duties of which he has ever discharged with promptness and fidelity. In the evening of life he is most comfortably situated, his income being sufficient to supply him with all of the necessities and many of the luxuries of life. In his youth he learned the value of economy and persistent energy and along these lines he has made his progress in the business world. In all his relations with his fellowmen he has been strictly honorable and straightforward and no one is more worthy of representation in this volume than Danforth Brown, who for seventy-three years has lived within its borders and has always upheld its best interests.

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#### WALTER W. SCOTT.

Among the representatives of the bar at Butler is Walter W. Scott, who has a liberal clientele that is indicative of the ability that he displays in handling important litigated interests. He was born November 12, 1869, in this village, which was then called Independence, the name having since been changed to Butler. His father, George Scott, was born in Virginia in 1835, and when a young man arrived in Richland county, settling in Butler. He had previously learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed successfully for twenty-eight years in this town, receiving a liberal patronage. He owned a farm in Worthington township, for as his financial resources increased he made judicious investment in realty, and upon his farm property he spent his last days, passing away there at the age of fifty-eight years. He was prominent and influential in community affairs, serving several terms as township trustee, and held other local offices. In politics he was a stalwart democrat, unswerving in his support of the principles of the party, and he likewise was an exemplary Mason, who in his life exemplified the beneficent spirit of the craft. In early manhood he wedded Lavina Aungst, who was born in 1838 and died at the age of fifty years. They were the parents of seven children, viz.: Douglas, who is living on the old homestead farm in Worthington township; Samuel, deceased; D. C., whose home is in Butler; Mrs. Minnie B. O'Hearn, a resident of Toledo; Walter W., of this review; Iduca, living in Toledo; and George W., whose home is in Cleveland, Ohio.

Born in Butler, Walter W. Scott was only six months old when his parents removed to the farm in Worthington township and at the usual age he began his education in the district schools, while later he attended college at Ashland, Ohio, for a year. He also spent two years in the Ohio Normal University at Ada and this with a broad general literary knowledge to serve as the foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional learning, he went to Cincinnati, where he entered upon a course of law in the Cincinnati Law School, from which he was graduated in 1895. The same year he was admitted to the bar in the courts of Ohio and came to Butler, where he opened an office, continuing as a member of the Richland county bar until 1900. In that year

he removed to Marion, Ohio, and took charge of the local interests of the collection department for the Marion Manufacturing Company, with which he was thus associated for eighteen months. On the expiration of that period he returned to Butler, where he has since remained. He has secured a liberal clientage here and is an able lawyer, earnest and thorough in the preparation of his cases, while in the courts his ability is such as to make him a formidable adversary.

On the 9th of September, 1894, Mr. Scott was married to Miss Earle Dorsey, who was born in Walhonding, Coshocton county, Ohio, February 11, 1870, and is a daughter of Eli and Maria (Wanebaugh) Dorsey, who were natives of Tuscarawas county, Ohio. Her father was a miller by trade and for many years followed that pursuit, but is now living retired at the extreme old age of ninety-three-years. His wife died in 1907 at the age of eighty-four years. In their family were fifteen children, nine of whom yet survive. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Scott has been blessed with two daughters, Gertrude Fay and Mildred Camilla.

Mr. Scott has been active in politics since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and is a believer in the principles of the democratic party, but does not hesitate to cast an independent ballot at local elections. He has served as mayor for two terms and gave to the town a public-spirited and beneficial administration. He is now town solicitor and for some years was a member of the county election board. He also belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has filled various offices, and he holds membership with Lueullas Lodge, No. 121, K. P., and Sturgis, No. 357, I. O. O. F. He is a broad-minded man and his record is the story of a man's life that seems to have an orderly progression under the steady hand of one who has mastered himself and is therefore able to master the situations with which he is brought into personal contact. He possesses sufficient courage where favoring opportunity is presented and his judgment and even paced energy generally carry him forward to the goal of success.

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#### SAMUEL ROBINSON.

Samuel Robinson is entitled to mention in this volume not only from the fact that he is a native son of Richland county, but also from the fact that he is a veteran of the Civil war, in which he did active duty, making a most creditable military record. He was born in Jefferson township, April 25, 1840, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Detwiller) Robinson. His father was also born in that township and was the second son of John Robinson, a native of Ireland, whose father bore the name of James Robinson. John Robinson was only five years of age when brought to the United States and here he grew to manhood and married Margaret Nelson, who was likewise a native of the Emerald Isle and came to America about the same time as her future husband. In 1816 he came to Ohio and entered land in Richland county, bringing his family the following year from their former home

in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He was a lieutenant in the war of 1812, and the father of our subject served for five years in the Ohio State Militia. The latter passed away in 1864 and his wife, who was a native of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, died in 1866.

Their union was blessed with eleven children, as follows: Samuel, of this review; Elizabeth, the wife of Jacob Lahman; John, who follows farming in Jefferson township; Lavina, the wife of Warren Charles, a farmer of Washington township; William C., who is engaged in farming in Morrow county, this state; Nathaniel, who served in the Civil war as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Sixty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry and is now deceased; F. O., a resident of Montana; Jane, the widow of William Rule and a resident of Perry township, this county; Margaret E., the wife of Joseph Bottomley, of Mansfield; James M., of Washington township; and Wilson M., who has passed away.

Samuel Robinson acquired his education in the district schools of Richland county and was trained to the duties of farm life. He remained under the parental roof until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he offered his services to the government, enlisting at Bellville, August 8, 1862, as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Second Ohio Regiment. He served his country for almost three years, during which time he never faltered in the performance of any duty. While guarding a railroad he was wounded in the thigh and he has never fully recovered from the injury. He was mustered out of service June 30, 1865, after which he returned to his home in Richland county.

Upon his return home Mr. Robinson once more engaged in farming and when he had accumulated a sum sufficient to justify his purchase of land he became owner of two hundred and ten acres, situated on sections 2 and 11, Jefferson township, his home being on the former section. This is a valuable tract and is well improved with a good country residence and ample outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He gives his attention to general farming and stock-raising and each year gathers good crops as a reward for the care and labor he bestows upon the fields.

In 1868 Mr. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Maria Cate, who was born in Germany and passed away in 1900. Their union was blessed with two daughters—Olive is the wife of A. L. Frechafer—both having graduated from the Ada (Ohio) University. Mr. Frechafer is now representing Washington county, Idaho, in the state legislature. Bertha L., who also graduated from Ada University, engaged in teaching in the Bellville schools and is now the wife of F. E. Stoff, a farmer of Richland county.

Mr. Robinson cast his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln, but now advocates democratic principles. He has served for two terms as township trustee, but aside from that has never been active as an office holder. He maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership with Miller Moody Post, G. A. R., at Bellville.

Few men of Richland county have more intimate knowledge of its growth and development from a wild and unsettled district than has Mr. Robinson, for having spent his entire life here he has witnessed the changes that

have been carried on since an early day. He has a comfortable home, in which are found some interesting war relics, among which may be seen an old powder horn carried in the war of 1776, which is hand carved, representing the American flag, a pine tree and a serpent, with the inscription "Don't tread on me." He also has his grandfather's sword. He is very fond of home life and takes great delight in entertaining his many friends who hold him in high esteem.

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### CHARLES H. HUSTON.

Charles H. Huston is actively connected with a profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of any section or community and one which has long been considered as conserving the public welfare by furthering the ends of justice and maintaining individual rights. In no profession is there a career more open to talent than is that of the law and in no field of endeavor is there demanded a more careful preparation, a more thorough appreciation of the absolute ethics of life or of the underlying principles which form the basis of all human rights and privileges. Unflagging application, an intuitive wisdom and a determination to fully utilize the means at hand are the concomitants which insure personal success and prestige in this great profession. Recognizing these facts and possessing all the requisite qualities of the able lawyer, Charles H. Huston is widely recognized as one of the representative members of the Richland county bar.

His entire life has been passed in this county, his birth having occurred in Butler township in 1870. He is descended in the paternal line from Scotch ancestry, the family, however, being founded in America at an early day. The grandfather, Jesse Huston, was born in Pennsylvania and removed from Cumberland county, that state, to Ohio when a young man of twenty years, settling first in Weller township, Richland county, while later he became a resident of Jackson township, where for many years he carried on general agricultural pursuits, meeting with merited success in his undertakings. He married Margaret Thrush and died in 1879 at the ripe old age of seventy-five years. Unto him and his wife were born two sons and five daughters, including James Huston, the father of our subject and the youngest of the family.

James Huston is also a native of Richland county, his birth having occurred in Franklin township, February 18, 1841. Reared to the occupation of farming, he has made it his life work and by his well directed energy and enterprise has achieved a gratifying measure of success. He is, moreover, regarded as one of the influential and respected residents of his community and is counted among the stalwart advocates of democracy, having firm faith in the principles of the party and their ultimate adoption. His aid can ever be counted upon to further public progress along many lines, and he stands today as a prominent representative of progressive citizenship. Having arrived at years of maturity, he wedded Dorcas Zeigler, who was born in

Butler township, Richland county, January 25, 1842, and is a daughter of Henry and Margaret (Miller) Zeigler, who removed from Pennsylvania and settled in Ohio at an early epoch in the history of the latter state. The death of Mrs. Dorcas Huston occurred in 1880 when she was thirty-six years of age. The following sons and daughters were born to the first marriage: Carrie, now the wife of Jesse Esbleshade, of Richland county, Ohio; Charles H., who is the second in order of birth; Rufus, who married Miss Sadie Oswalt, of Greenwich, Ohio; Ransom, twin brother of Rufus, who wedded Miss Maggie McCormack and is a resident of Blooming Grove township, Richland county; and Jesse, who is living at Shiloh, Ohio. In 1882 the father was married again, his second union being with Miss Mary E. Lattimore, a daughter of James and Nancy Lattimore, of Blooming Grove township. They have a son and daughter, Bertha and Ora.

The boyhood and youth of Charles H. Huston were quietly passed upon the home farm, where he early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He worked in the fields through the summer months and in the winter seasons attended the public schools, eventually completing the prescribed course in the high school at Shiloh. His identification with educational interests, however, did not cease at that time, for during five terms he engaged in teaching school, his connection with the profession extending over a period from 1889 until 1892. He imparted clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired and then resumed his own education as a student in the Tri-State College at Angola, Indiana, completing the scientific course by graduation with the class of 1894. In the meantime he had determined upon the practice of law as his life work and as a preparation toward this end he began reading law under the direction of J. C. Laser, of Mansfield. He later completed a course in law at the Ohio State University, graduating in 1897. He was admitted to the bar the same year and, locating for practice in the county seat, he was admitted to partnership by his former preceptor and the firm immediately took rank among the strongest and ablest at the Richland county bar. Mr. Huston has made an excellent record in his chosen profession and has won for himself very favorable criticism for the careful and systematic methods which he has followed. He throws himself easily and naturally into the argument, with a self-possession and a deliberation which indicates no straining after effect. On the contrary, there is a precision and clearness in his statement, an acuteness and strength in his argument which speak a mind trained in the severest school of investigation and to which the closest reasoning has become habitual and easy.

Mr. Huston is numbered among the veterans of the Spanish-American war. When the country became involved with the old-world power he at once offered his services in defense of American interests, joining Company M of the Eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and proceeded with his regiment to Camp Bushnell at Columbus. The troops were afterward sent to Camp Alger, Virginia, where Company M was detached and assigned to guard duty and clerkships in the quartermaster's and commissariat department at Dunloring station. They left camp July 5, 1898, and on the following day

embarked on the cruiser St. Paul at New York. On the 10th of the month Company M and three other companies of the First Battalion landed at Siboney, fourteen miles from Santiago, and on the following day were ordered to the fighting line in the trenches, but owing to the swollen condition of the San Juan river did not reach their assigned position until the 12th, on which day General Miles arranged the terms of surrender with the Spanish. On the 17th the entrance to Santiago was made and Company M participated in the occupation of the city. Mr. Huston was promoted to corporal at Camp Alger and after the return of the Eighth Regiment a reorganization was effected and he became battalion adjutant, with the rank of second lieutenant. Later he was commissioned captain of infantry and detailed as regimental quartermaster with the Eighth Infantry, Ohio National Guards.

On the 21st of June, 1900, occurred the marriage of Charles H. Huston and Miss Marie F. Pettker, of St. Louis, Missouri. He is a member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks and one of the stalwart champions of the democratic party in Richland county. In 1903 he was elected prosecuting attorney of the county and so acceptably did he fill the office that he was reelected in 1905. Personally he is a man of many attractive qualities and has an extensive circle of warm friends in the county where his entire life has been passed. In his profession he has made steady advancement, justly earning the reputation which he now bears as one of the leading and capable lawyers of Mansfield.

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#### SIDNEY A. FOLTZ.

Sidney A. Foltz, general manager of the Mansfield Railway, Light & Power Company, is a young man whose business advancement has resulted from close application, the thorough mastery of every task assigned him and a laudable ambition which prompts unwearied diligence. He was born September 16, 1870, in the city which is yet his home. His father, John W. Foltz, a native of Holmes county, Ohio, has been a merchant of Mansfield for over a half century and is still active in business here, being a most prominent and honored representative of commercial interests. He married Elizabeth Paule, who died twenty-three years ago. There were five children in the family, four of whom are living. The Foltz family comes of Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry, while the Paule family is descended from ancestors who were natives of Alsace-Lorraine, Germany.

Sidney A. Foltz acquired his education in the public schools of Mansfield, attending to the age of sixteen years, after which he pursued a course in a business college. He then became a clerk in his father's hardware store, where he remained for ten years, after which he was appointed chief deputy of the probate court under Judge R. Brinkerhoff, Jr. He filled the position acceptably for six years, or until February, 1903, when he was appointed secretary of the board of public service, which had just been created, he being,

therefore, the first incumbent in the office. On the 1st of July of that same year he resigned the position to become bookkeeper for the Mansfield Railway, Light & Power Company, which position he held until January, 1906, when he was made general manager of the corporation and is still in active control of the business. He was also appointed in the fall of 1907 as superintendent of the Mansfield-Bucyrus division of the Cleveland, Southwestern & Columbus Railway. He has thus passed on to a position of executive control and is now bending his efforts in his different business relations to constructive work and administrative direction.

On the 13th of November, 1885, Mr. Feltz was married at Mansfield to Catherine E. Massa, a daughter of William Massa, a well known cigar merchant of this city. In his political views Mr. Feltz is a democrat and, although he has always kept well informed in the questions and issues of the day so far as he has been able to support his position by intelligent argument and has always greatly desired the success of the party, he has never sought office as a reward for party fidelity. His circle of friends is select rather than large and he finds his chief pleasure at his home or in the companionship of his wife and his close associates. In what he has done we find thoroughly the noble, determined man, his life with a singleness of purpose that none can equal.

### DANIEL S. MARVIN

There is no reader so inclined as to turn to the life history of the honored and venerable gentleman whose name introduces this review since his name is one the names of the founders and of the sons of Ohio from pioneer days and from the time that he has been a citizen of the Republic and has attended to his various offices of responsibility in the life of the city where he has long resided. His residence being now one of the prettiest parochials of the community. While he has pursued his business with the hope of winning a thousand pounds for himself, he has at the same time been very patriotic interested in the welfare of his country and it had this has contributed to his growth in importance and distinction. His taste will cause him honored as the orator of the public affairs of Sherrill which is a compliment to his talents, sense and his devotion to the interests of his community.

His first ancestor, Nelsen Feltz, settled in the village which was then to be called Sherrill, Asbury, in the west of the state when in 1818, he and his wife, Nelsa Rose, Moxon, a descendant of Connecticut settlers, came on the steamer "Winged Foot" to the State. The parents spent their remaining years in this country, Nelsen dying in 1868 at the age of seventy-four years while the mother died in 1874 at the age of eighty and seven years.

John Sherrill Marvin, son of Nelsen, was born and reared under the paternal roof, educated in the local school, where he was a student of 1818 and afterward taught in the school, a boy in the other schools and the class room of John W. May



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On the 15th of November, 1905, Mr. Foltz was married at Mansfield to Catherine F. Massa, a daughter of William Massa, a well known cigar merchant of this city. In his political views Mr. Foltz is a democrat and, although he has always kept well informed on the question and issues of the day so that he has been able to support his position by intelligent argument and has always greatly desired the success of the party, he has never sought office as a reward for party fealty. His circle of friends is select rather than large, and he finds his chief pleasure at his own fireside in the companionship of his wife and his close associates. In office he has ever been found thoroughly reliable, discharging his duties with a singleness of purpose that none can question.

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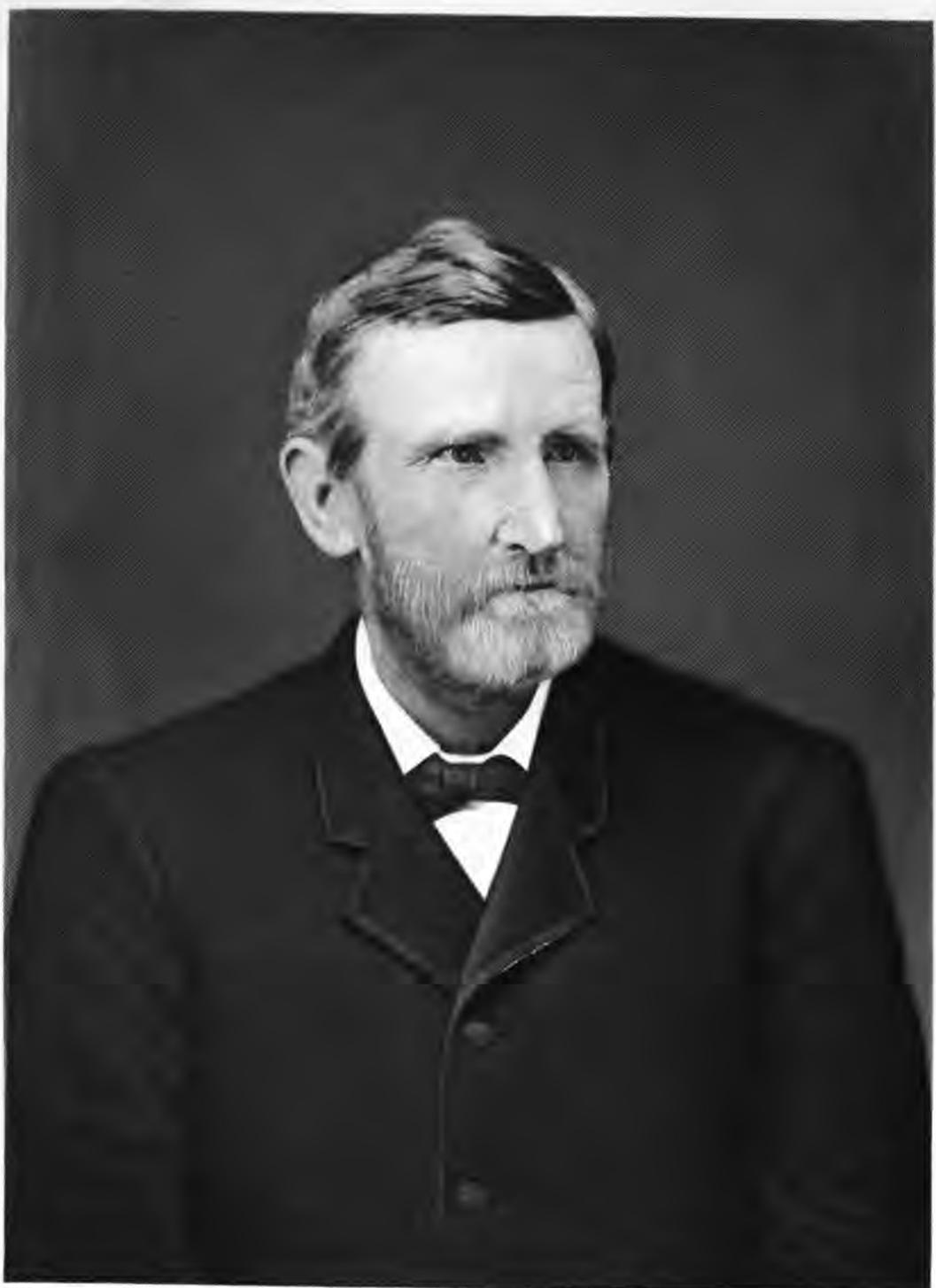
#### DANIEL S. MARVIN.

There is particular satisfaction in reverting to the life history of the honorable and venerable gentleman whose name introduces this review since his mind bears the impress of the historic annals of the state of Ohio from pioneer days and from the fact that he has been a loyal son of the republic and has attained to a position of distinctive prominence in the thriving little city where he has long retained his residence, being now one of the revered patriarchs of the community. While he has conducted business affairs with the hope of winning a financial reward for himself he has at the same time been very actively interested in the welfare of his city and in many ways has contributed to its growth, improvement and development. His name will ever be honored as the promoter of the public library of Shelby, which is a monument to his public spirit and his devotion to the interests of his fellowmen.

His birth occurred November 5, 1825, in a little log cabin, which was built by his father, Stephen Marvin, in the midst of the forest when, in 1818, he and his wife, Sarah (Burr) Marvin, emigrated westward from Connecticut and settled on the site of the present city of Shelby. The parents spent their remaining days in this county, the father dying in 1868, at the age of seventy-one years, while the mother reached the age of seventy-eight and passed away in the year 1878.

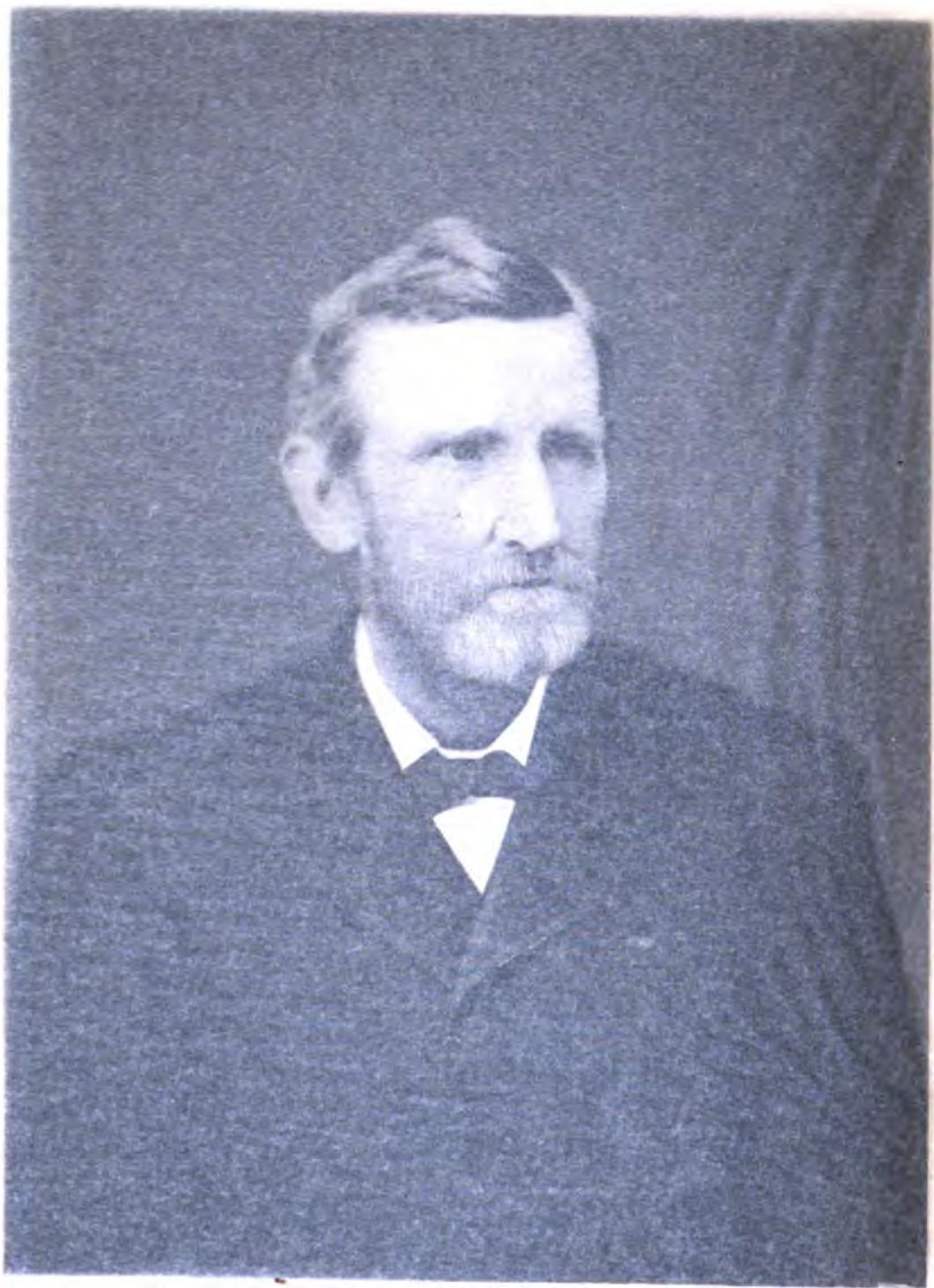
Daniel Sherwood Marvin spent his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, acquired his preliminary education in the public schools and afterward took up the study of law in the office and under the direction of John M. May





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MARY AGNES HILL MATHEWS

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and Downing H. Young at Mansfield. He was but eighteen years of age when he began preparation for the bar and after three years devoted to thorough preliminary reading he was admitted to practice in the courts of the state about 1847. He then entered upon the work of the profession, but the west attracted him following the discovery of gold in California and in 1850 he made the long journey across the hot sandy plains and through the mountain passes to Parks Barr. There he resumed his professional work, making a specialty of mining claims. After two years spent at his original location he removed to Forest City, Sierra county, California, where he enjoyed a large clientage for several years. After spending some time in the middle west he returned to Shelby, where he again established his home about the beginning of the Civil war. He soon put aside all business and personal considerations, however, that he might aid in the preservation of the Union, joining the army as a member of Company H of the Sixty-fourth Ohio Infantry in 1862. He participated in the engagements at Shiloh and Stone River, but in the latter was severely wounded by the enemy's bullet. In fact his wound was so severe that it necessitated his discharge at Murfreesboro after he had been with the army for fifteen months and fifteen days.

No longer able to aid his country at the front Mr. Marvin went to Watertown, New York, where in the year 1863 he was married to Miss Caroline Sherman of that city. While a resident of the Empire state he was largely engaged in the nursery business and there remained until 1897, when he once more came to Shelby to spend the evening of his life in the city where his early boyhood was passed. He is a most respected resident here, receiving from his fellowmen the veneration and esteem which should always be accorded those who have traveled far on life's journey and whose path has been one of rectitude and honor. His home is what was known in early days as the Marvin Mansion, having been erected sixty-five years ago. His sister Laura occupies this with him, for his wife died in 1896.

Mr. Marvin now belongs to Harker Post, G. A. R., at Shelby, having transferred his membership from Joseph Spratt Post, with which he was identified while at Watertown. From early boyhood he has made constant progress along intellectual lines, for he has ever been a close and keen observer and possesses, moreover, a retentive memory. He has also read broadly and has learned many lessons from nature. During his travels he has collected various interesting relics and souvenirs, which are treasures to him as well as objects of interest to his visitors. He has long been associated with interests that have promoted knowledge and intellectual development. While in New York he organized the Jefferson County Historical Society at Watertown and acted as its librarian for many years. His devotion to his native town and his interest in its progress was indicated when in 1901 he gave to Shelby the beautiful old Dr. Bricker residence to be used as a public library. He remodeled the building, fitted up the ground and placed a library upon a working foundation with the sum of eighty-five hundred dollars. Shelby citizens are truly appreciative of this gift, which was an outright donation, having no ten per cent maintenance provision attached to it. Mr. Marvin is not a wealthy man, but out of the means which he accumulated he gave freely for Shelby's

benefit and for years to come the citizens will bless his memory as they enjoy the privileges and benefits of the library. It may well be termed a Marvin memorial, for it will stand as a monument to his memory long after he has passed away and will be an indication of his philanthropic spirit. This alone would entitle Mr. Marvin to representation in this volume, but in other ways, too, he has stood for public progress, while his personal worth has made him a man whom to know is to esteem and honor.

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#### GILES KUHN.

Giles Kuhn was born April 5, 1869, on the farm on section 19, Plymouth township, where he yet lives. The place is endeared to him through the associations of his boyhood as well as the connections of manhood, and he is now busily engaged in the operation of the farm, which comprises one hundred and five acres of rich and productive land. He is a son of Elijah and Julia Ann (Kirkpatrick) Kuhn, who were likewise natives of this county. The father still resides at Shelby, but the mother died on the home farm in 1905 at the age of fifty-six years. They were the parents of three children: Giles; Jesse, living in Plymouth township; and Mabel, who is living with her father in Shelby.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Giles Kuhn in his boyhood and youth. He attended the public schools and assisted his father in the operation of the home farm, which was originally owned by Samuel Kuhn, one of the earliest settlers of the county and a native of Pennsylvania. Giles Kuhn has never sought to follow any other occupation than that to which he was reared, and in his farming operations he is meeting with success, for the fields are well tilled and annually bring forth golden harvests, yielding abundantly in return for the care and labor bestowed upon them.

In 1896 Giles Kuhn was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Melick, who was born in Richland county, Ohio, January 28, 1873, and is a daughter of Andrew and Frances Melick. Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn are now the parents of five children: Jason, Donald, Herman, Frances and Zilla. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, with which their children are also connected. They belong to the Mount Pleasant church, of which Mr. Kuhn is a trustee, and in the work of the society he takes an active and helpful part. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, but he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. On the contrary, he prefers to give his undivided time and attention to his business affairs, in which he is meeting with signal success.

Jesse Kuhn, the younger brother of Giles Kuhn and a well-known representative of the farming interests of Plymouth township, was born on the 27th of July, 1874, and has always resided upon the farm which is yet his home. He now has one hundred and six acres of land, which he purchased ten years ago, it being a part of the property once owned by his grand-

father, Samuel Kuhn, who came to the county in pioneer times and cast in his lot with the early settlers, aiding in laying broad and deep the foundation for the present progress and development of the county. In his farm methods Jesse Kuhn has been practical and enterprising, and in 1898 he built a fine barn, while the other improvements and equipments upon his place are all substantial and modern. He devotes his time and attention to the raising of both grain and stock, and is meeting with good success in his undertakings.

It was in 1898 that Jesse Kuhn was married to Miss Maggie Urich, who was born in Franklin township, this county, and is a daughter of Alfred and Lydia (Light) Urich, who are now residents of Mansfield. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn have been born two daughters, Wanda and Luella. Mr. Kuhn is an independent voter. He belongs to the Mount Pleasant church of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, is a trustee in the church and takes a most active and helpful part in its work. He represents one of the old families of the county, and his worth is widely acknowledged by those who have been brought into contact with him through business or other relations.

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#### JOHN H. LEITER.

Earnest, persistent effort, continued through many years, should always win a measure of success that will enable one in later years to enjoy rest from further business activity. This has been vouchsafed John H. Leiter, who for many years was closely associated with agricultural interests in Richland county, but is now living retired at No. 144 Park avenue, east, in Mansfield. He was born on the 6th of June in the year 1844, a son of David Leiter, a cousin of Joseph Leiter, of wheat fame.

The father was a native of Maryland and in 1836 established his home in Richland county, carrying on farming in Ohio until his life's labors were ended in death in 1875. He was very successful and accumulated much valuable property, so that in his later years he was enabled to enjoy all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. His business methods, too, were most commendable, and in every relation he enjoyed the respect of those with whom he was associated. He was married in Maryland to Miss Mary Bell, a native of Pennsylvania, who, surviving him for about seven years, passed away in Richland county in 1882. They were the parents of twelve children, but only three are living: David B., G. W. and John H., all of whom have been connected with farming interests in Monroe township.

The last named was educated in the district schools. Day after day he trudged the way to the nearest schoolhouse and there mastered the branches of learning that constitute the public-school curriculum. Through the period of the long summer vacations he was trained in the work of the fields and the habits of industry and integrity which he thus formed have proven salient features in his successful life work. Up to the time of his retirement he continuously carried on farming in Monroe township with the exception of

five years spent in Troy township. In all of his business affairs he displayed capable management and keen discernment and won a measure of success that enabled him in 1903 to put aside active business and remove to Mansfield to enjoy well earned ease. He still owns eighty acres of land in Monroe township, which is now being cultivated by his son.

In 1870 Mr. Leiter was married to Miss Jenafee Wintrode, who was born in Licking county, Ohio, and died in 1903. They were the parents of three children: Rolland W., who operates the home farm and who married Marguerite Dresler, by whom he has one daughter, Marzeta; Lillian, the wife of Charles H. Gorman, a telegraph operator on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Mansfield, by whom she has three children: Thora Madge, John D. and Mabel Lucille; and John H., Jr., who married Mamie Almsbaugh.

Mr. Leiter is a republican in his political views, but has never aspired to office, preferring to concentrate his time and energies upon his business affairs, in which he has met with signal success. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church and they have in their possession a German Bible which was published in 1735 and has been handed down as an heirloom in the Leiter family. Such, in brief, is the history of one of Richland county's native sons and a representative of one of its old families. The history of the county has been familiar to him through sixty-four years, and in a quiet but none the less effective way he has borne his full share in the work of public progress and improvement.

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#### JOHN B. WILLIAMS.

John B. Williams was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, September 6, 1829, his parents being John and Mary (Coy) Williams. The father passed away in 1832, leaving two children, namely: John B., of this review, and Andrew. His widow married a second time, becoming the wife of John Shoemaker. They made their home in Wyandot county during the Civil war, but had already sold out and left the place when John B. Williams returned from the army, and he never heard of them afterward.

Losing his father when but three years of age, John B. Williams was "bound out" until his eighteenth year, after which he learned the chair-maker's trade and wood-turning. His term of indenture was ended when he was twenty-one, receiving during that time: Twenty dollars the first year; thirty dollars the second, and forty dollars the third. He subsequently followed his trade in Mansfield for a number of years. In 1851 he removed to East Liberty, Ohio, and in 1853 came to Lexington, where he engaged in wood-turning. After the war machinery replaced hand work to a great extent, and as his trade no longer proved remunerative, Mr. Williams became a painter, following that occupation for a time. In later years he was engaged in laying cement sidewalks, but for the past five years has lived retired, making his home in Lexington, though he spends the winter seasons with his daughter in Mansfield.

On the 1st of July, 1861, Mr. Williams enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of Company C, Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, from Mansfield. In his eagerness to enlist he concealed from the examining physician the fact that he was blind in his right eye, and this defect was not discovered until he had been sent to Kentucky and was one day ordered out for target practice. As it would have been very dangerous for him to sight left-handed, he had to acknowledge his inability to partake in this practice. At the battle of Shiloh he was detailed to carry the wounded from the field, and the first man that he and his partner placed on the stretcher and began carrying to the rear was shot dead. On their next march to the rear his partner was hit by a shot that broke his leg. Mr. Williams was subsequently detailed to the regimental hospital. At the battle of Stone River he acted as orderly to the colonel and was sent to the rear with the latter's horse and also two other horses of the colonel's staff. While riding up a slope the rebels spied him and began firing at him. Their first shot was wide of the mark, but the second one was somewhat nearer. By this time Mr. Williams had formed rather a poor opinion of their marksmanship and he continued on his way unconcernedly, even turning around to watch them. The next shot, however, struck under the horse which he was riding, and this fact caused him at once to accelerate his movements in order to get beyond range of the enemy. He was honorably discharged from the army in September, 1864, having faithfully and loyally defended his country's interest to the best of his ability, in the darkest hour of her history.

Mr. Williams has been twice married. In Logan county, Ohio, on the 19th of November, 1852, he wedded Miss Jane Sharp, whose birth occurred in East Liberty, Logan county, Ohio, in 1837, her parents being Job H. and Ann E. (Wetherbee) Sharp. She passed away January 1, 1853, leaving one son, Warren A., who is now a resident of Oregon. On the 12th of November, 1856, Mr. Williams was again married, his second union being with Miss Elizabeth M. Davis, who was born April 16, 1835, on the lot on which our subject's home now stands. She was a daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth (Courtney) Davis, the former born near Philadelphia in 1808, while the latter's birth occurred in 1810. In 1825 the father came to this county with his parents, who entered land from the government, cleared and improved it. On this place Reuben Davis successfully carried on his agricultural interests until the time of his demise, which occurred in Lexington in 1834. His wife, who was called to her final rest in 1879, also passed away in Lexington. Of their four children two still survive, namely: Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Jane Erb, of Alton, Ohio. Unto Mr. Williams and his second wife has been born one daughter, Miriam, the wife of Charles M. Lantz, grocery and provision merchant of Mansfield, Ohio.

In his political views Mr. Williams is a socialist, and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to various positions of public trust. He has served for twenty-three years as councilman, for nine years as school director, and has also been town marshal and constable, ever discharging his duties in prompt and capable manner. Fraternally he has been connected with the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 123, at Lexington for

twenty-nine years, and maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in McLaughton Post, G. A. R., at Mansfield. His record as a soldier, as an official and as a business man has been so honorable that he has gained the confidence and good will of all with whom he has been brought in contact, and he now receives the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on life's journey and whose reputation has ever remained untarnished.

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#### JAMES M. FIRST.

James M. First, who is now living retired in Lucas, is noted among the veterans of the Civil war and is a citizen who in all life's relations has been found worthy of the trust and confidence entertained for him by his fellow-men. He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, December 11, 1831. His father, Jerry First, was born in the Keystone state and was a farmer by occupation. He came to Knox county, Ohio, at an early date and after residing there for a time returned to Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1832. In that year he again located in Knox county, Ohio, and there were still many evidences of frontier life, for civilization had not penetrated to any great extent into the western wilderness. Much of the land was still unclaimed and uncultivated, the streams were unbridged and there was still comparatively little indication that the state was soon to be transformed into a most populous and progressive district.

Jerry First removed from Knox county to Richland county in 1846, settling near Mansfield, and after a few years he took up his abode in Lucas where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1878, his remains being interred in the Williams cemetery. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Ruth Critchfield, was born, reared and married in Pennsylvania, and when carried to her final rest, in 1856, her grave was made in Mount Zion cemetery. This worthy couple were the parents of four children: James M., of this review; Caroline, who is living at Garrettsville, Ohio; Amos, deceased; and Elizabeth, whose home is in Kansas City, Missouri.

James M. First was less than a year old when his parents returned to Ohio and was a youth of fifteen when they came to Richland county. He acquired a common-school education which he completed in the schools of Lucas, and then learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed in Lucas until the outbreak of the rebellion. Prompted by a spirit of patriotism he joined the army in 1862, becoming a member of Company B, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the battles of Vicksburg, Chickasaw Bluffs, Arkansas Post, and afterward returned to Young's Point, Mississippi, for the winter. While in winter quarters he aided in the construction of what was known as the Dutch Canal. It was never completed, and in fact was started more to keep a multitude of restless men busy than for practical purposes. After serving for eighteen months of his three years' term of enlistment Mr. First was honorably discharged on account of physical

disability and returned home to recuperate, but not being satisfied to remain quietly at home while the Union was in danger he returned to service in the spring of 1864, and was commissioned second lieutenant of company H of the One Hundred and Sixty-Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was discharged with that rank in December, 1864. It was not wise that he return to the army, for four years elapsed before he was able to do any manual labor on account of disability brought on by the exposure and hardships of war.

After recuperating sufficiently to enable him to work in any way Mr. First passed the civil service examination and became railway mail clerk, remaining in the government employ for eight years on the run from Sandusky to Newark and from Sandusky to Wheeling, West Virginia. Finally his health became so impaired that he was forced to give up strenuous labor altogether. He now owns a comfortable and well furnished home in Lucas and has accumulated a sum sufficient to enable him to live well upon his pension of thirty dollars per month and the income which he derives from other sources.

Mr. First was married in 1852 to Miss Sarah Vanscoy, of Richland county. They traveled life's journey together for more than a half century and were then separated by the death of the wife in 1904. Of their children, Elizabeth, the eldest, is deceased. The others are John, a mechanic living at Elkhart, Indiana; Alice, the wife of Frank Gard, a farmer near San Juan island, Washington; Harriet, the wife of Dr. Culler, a general medical practitioner of Lucas; Ellsworth, living in Lucas; Clara Barton, the wife of Harry Gates, a machinist of Dayton, Ohio; and Joseph H., who is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Mr. First is a member of the Grand Army Post at Lucas and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. His political support is given to democracy and he has frequently been called to office. He was mayor of the village of Lucas for seven years; was also notary public for a number of years, and has been a member of the council at different times. No trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree. On the contrary he is as loyal to his duty as when he followed the Stars and Stripes on southern battlefields. His fellow townsmen know him as one who is ever loyal to a public trust or to a social obligation and he is most highly respected in the village where he now lives.

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#### MRS. ESTHER ANN HUGHES.

Mrs. Esther Ann Hughes, owning property in Weller township, is the widow of W. G. Hughes, and was born in Hardin county, Ohio, in 1865. Her parents were John and Eliza (Ashton) Boals, both of whom are natives of this county and were well known here at an early date, while at the present time they are respected and worthy residents of Mansfield. Their family numbered the following children: Mary E., who is now living in Mansfield; Robert E., who resides in Hardin county, Ohio; Eliza, the wife of Alex Leap, whose home is in Hardin county; Mrs. Hughes; Joseph C. M.,

who is located in Hardin county; David L., living in Mansfield; and three who have passed away.

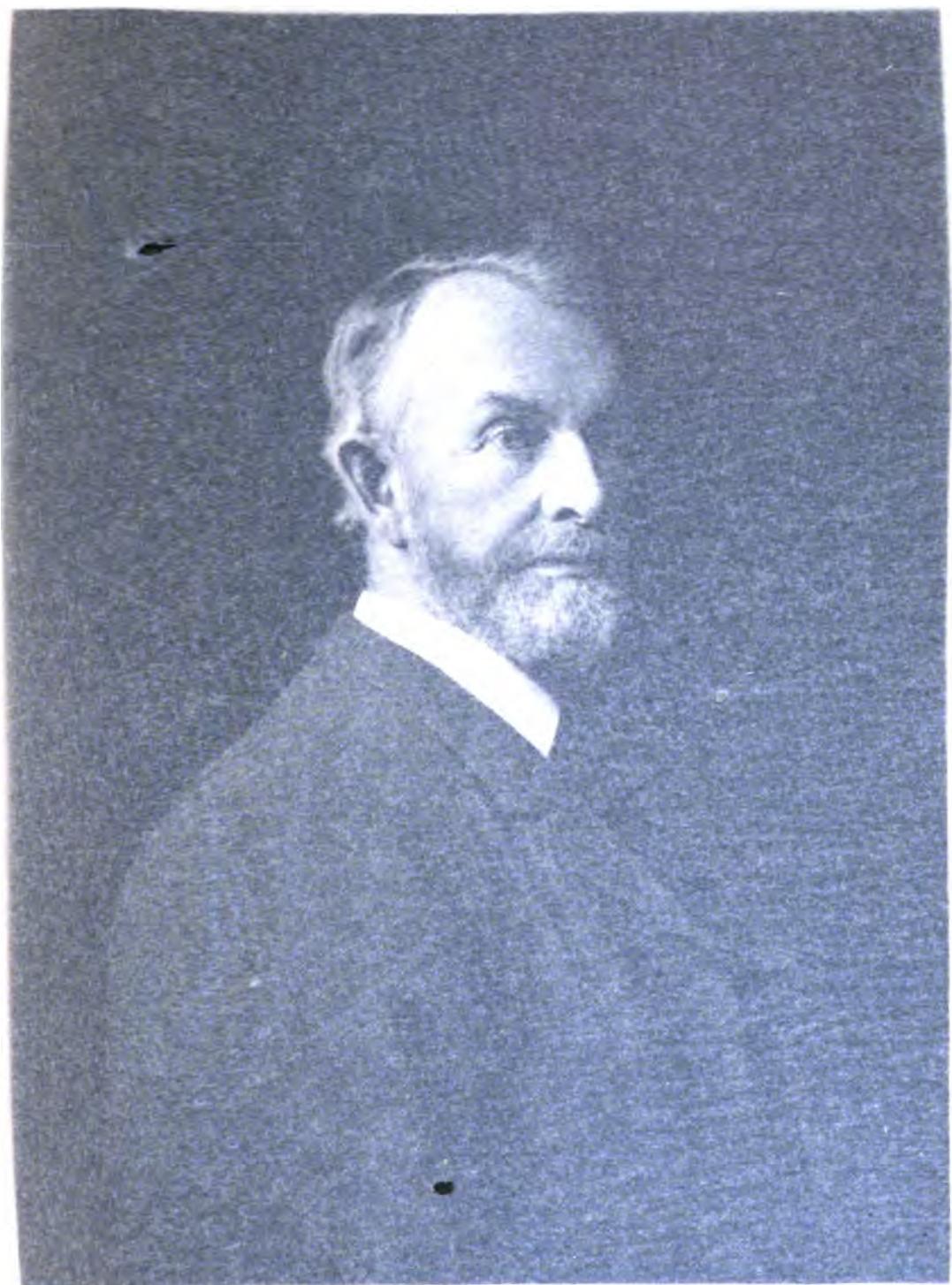
Esther A. Hughes spent her girlhood days under the parental roof and was trained to the work of the household, while in the public schools she acquired her education. On December 14, 1887, she gave her hand in marriage to W. G. Hughes, who was born in this county July 7, 1865, and died October 8, 1902. They were the parents of two daughters and a son: Ethel E., a graduate of the Mansfield high school; Ralph A., who operates the home farm; and Mary J., at home. All three are still under the parental roof. Mrs. Hughes now owns forty-six acres of land and a fine residence which is built in modern style of architecture, and is most tastefully and attractively furnished. Moreover, the spirit of hospitality reigns supreme there and her friends are always sure of a cordial and warm-hearted welcome. Mr. Hughes was republican in politics and served as township trustee. He took active interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community and gave his cooperation to many movements for the public good. When his life's labors were ended in death, in 1902, many friends sincerely mourned his loss, while his family were deprived of a loving husband and devoted father. Mrs. Hughes is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Her children are all with her. Mrs. Hughes is a woman of splendid business traits; for some years she followed threshing and also engaged in running a sawmill for a number of years as a means of livelihood, and today is displaying good business ability in the care of her property interests. She is a lady of many admirable qualities.

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#### WILLIAM A. SHAW.

William A. Shaw, who for many years was identified with agricultural pursuits but is now living retired from farm work, is still financially interested in various corporations and has voice in their management as a member of the directorate. He was born in Hinckley, Medina county, Ohio, on the 5th of July, 1840, his parents being Jacob and Rowena (Damon) Shaw, both of whom were natives of Massachusetts, born near Boston. They were reared and married there and came to Ohio before the day of railroads, spending their lives largely in Medina county, although during their latter days they resided in Shelby. Their family numbered ten children, of whom four are now living, while two died in infancy, and four others have since passed away.

William A. Shaw, the youngest of the family, resided on the home farm with his parents until after he had attained his majority and acquired a district-school education. His father was a gunsmith and watchmaker and of a very ingenious turn of mind, and William A. Shaw learned to do much work along mechanical lines. With the equipment received under his father's direction he went to Medina county, Ohio, where he entered the employ of A. I. Root, then a jewelry manufacturer of that place. For a year he occupied that position, on the expiration of which period he became a partner in the



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### THE HUGHES FAMILY

John Hughes, the father of Mrs. Hughes, was born in Ireland in 1813, and died in Medina, Ohio, in 1891. He was a man of great energy and ability, and after immigrating to America he became a successful businessman. He was the founder of the first bank in Medina, and the author of many movements for the public good. He died suddenly in death, in 1902, many friends sincerely regretting his loss. His family were deprived of a loving husband and father, but Mrs. Hughes is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a good Christian. Mrs. Hughes is a woman of splendid business ability, and has followed threshing and also engaged in the raising of sheep as a means of livelihood, and today she is a successful business woman in the care of her property interests. She is a widow.

### WILLIAM A. SHAW

William A. Shaw, for many years was identified with agricultural pursuits, and while he was absent from farm work, as such, financially interested himself in the management of his wife's voice, in their management as a member of the Shaw family, in Hinckley, Medina county, Ohio, on the 5th of January, 1840, his parents being Jacob and Rowena (Damore) Shaw, both of whom were natives of Massachusetts, born near Boston. They were reared and educated in New England, and came to Ohio before the day of railroads, spending their early days in Medina county, although during their latter days they resided in Hinckley.

Their family numbered ten children, of whom four are now deceased. William A. Shaw, the youngest of the family, resided on the home farm until he was twenty-one, after he had attained his majority and acquired a competency of his own. His father was a gunsmith and watchmaker and of course taught his son the trade, and William A. Shaw learned to do much of the work himself. He sold the equipment received under his father's will to a gunsmith in the city, Ohio, where he entered the employ of a gunsmith, and remained a journeyman of that place. For a year he occupied a room in the rear of the shop, of which period he became a partner in the



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manufacture and retailing of jewelry, but took charge of the manufacturing department under the firm style of A. I. Root & Company. This association was maintained for about six years and Mr. Shaw then came to Shelby, where he arrived on the 12th of December, 1868. Here he established a jewelry store and not only engaged in the sale of jewelry but also manufactured it to some extent for a number of years. He conducted the store for about twenty-six years, thus long figuring as one of the leading, prominent and successful merchants of the city. He then bought a farm of eighty acres east of the town and made his home thereon for fourteen years, after which he disposed of the property and returned to Shelby, where he has since practically lived retired. He has been identified with various business interests for a long period. He has been a director of the First National Bank for about twenty years, was one of the organizers of the Shelby Plate Glass Insurance Company; of which he is director and treasurer, and is likewise a director of the Shelby Land & Improvement Company, also serving as its treasurer. His investments have been judiciously placed and are bringing to him a substantial financial return.

In 1866 occurred the marriage of Mr. Shaw and Miss Eleanor F. Oakley, a native of Glens Falls, New York. Their children are: J. Anna, at home; William D., of Shelby; and Jacob Elmer, also of this place. Following the death of his first wife Mr. Shaw married Mrs. Anna L. Ott Rogers. They are well known here and have an extensive circle of friends. Mr. Shaw has been very prominent in community interests, has served as a member of the board of education for three terms, has been a member of the board of public service and the board of public health for a number of years, and was also one of the first members of the volunteer fire department. His political allegiance is given to the democracy. In his fraternal relations he is a Mason, belonging to Mansfield Commandery and to the consistory of Cincinnati and to the Mystic Shrine of Cleveland. He is likewise connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Shelby and is popular in these different societies. He is modest and unassuming and indisposed to attract attention either to his success in business or his efforts in behalf of the public welfare. He is an example of the boys who educate themselves and secure their own start in life—determined, self-reliant boys, willing to work for the advantages which others secure through inheritance, destined by sheer force of character to succeed in the face of all opposition, and to push to the front in one important branch of enterprise or another.

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#### ANDREW JACKSON ROGERS.

Among the old families of Richland county whose members have been long numbered among the prominent and respected citizens here is the Rogers family, of which the subject of this review is a representative. He was born on Southwest square, in Shelby, Ohio, at the family home, which then stood on the present site of the high-school park. It was there that his grandfather built his first house. The natal day of A. J. Rogers was May 1, 1844.

His grandfather, Almanzar Rogers, was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, July 23, 1794, and died July 2, 1877. He was a carpenter by trade and also inspector of shingles and lumber at Pinchersville, Pennsylvania. He filled the position as postmaster. That town was named from the fact that Mr. Rogers pulled the end of shingles out with pinchers. He was also a farmer and local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church and in fact was closely associated with the community in many lines of interest and activity. He had one hundred and sixty acres of land, but later sold sixty-seven acres. Upon the farm he continued to reside until his death and was a prominent and influential resident of the community. His neighbors were numbered among the pilgrims of Connecticut who came to the new world from England. His mother, Mrs. Rhoda Drake Rogers, was a descendant of the family to which Admiral Drake belonged and she came to Ohio with her son, Almanzar Rogers, being at that time a widow. His family numbered eight daughters and three sons. The eldest of the family was Jehiel Rogers, who was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1817. In early life he went to Berrien county, Michigan, where he served a term of apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade with the man who built the first swing bridge in Chicago. Jehiel Rogers came to this county in 1840 and here joined his parents, who had arrived in 1839. He spent most of his life in this neighborhood, following the carpenter's trade, and later he became interested in a sash factory, where he lost his money. Subsequently he operated his farm and afterward removed to the farm upon which Andrew J. Rogers now resides. Here he died December 18, 1888. He had long been a respected and worthy resident of the community and displayed in his life many good qualities. In early manhood he wedded Eliza Roberts, who was born November 2, 1815, in Brook county, Virginia, and in April, 1829, when thirteen years of age, was brought to Richland county by her parents, Richard and Ann Roberts, who spent their remaining days upon a farm adjoining the property of A. J. Rogers. Richard Roberts came to Ohio to fight the Indians and while at Fort Recovery contracted rheumatism, which so crippled him that he was never able to walk straight afterward. His daughter, Mrs. Rogers, survived her husband for about four years and passed away July 2, 1892.

Andrew Jackson Rogers, their only child, was but two years of age when his parents removed from his birthplace to the place where W. R. Brooks now resides. They afterward lived for two years on a farm south of town on the Gamble road and Jehiel Rogers purchased forty acres of land from his father-in-law lying in Jackson township. This he cleared and made of it a good home, living there for sixteen or seventeen years. While spending his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, A. J. Rogers pursued his education in the public schools and was a pupil in the high school of Shelby. Following the removal of the family to the village, he began serving an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade in 1863. He was employed for one year in the shops of the B. & I. Railroad at Galion and afterward went to Newark, Ohio, where he worked for two years in the Newark machine shops. On the expiration of that period he came again to Shelby, where he entered the shoe business, being associated with his father in that undertaking for two years. He afterward

spent two years in the conduct of a sash factory and then resumed general agricultural pursuits, to which he has since given his time and energies. He has here ninety-two and three-quarters acres of land, less the strip on which the railroad has been built. It is the old homestead upon which his grandfather settled in June, 1839. A. J. Rogers cleared a part of this tract after coming here and now has a valuable and well improved farm, which has been his home since 1876. The place presents a neat and attractive appearance, giving every evidence of the care and supervision of the owner.

On the 8th of March, 1866, Mr. Rogers was married to Miss Katharine Hammon, who was born near Rome, Ohio, in 1837, and died May 8, 1877, leaving one son, Albert, who is now a physician of Washington. On the 5th of November, 1880, Mr. Rogers was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Gould, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 24, 1859, and there resided until her marriage, her parents being William and Anna Gould. She has become the mother of four children: Olive, Anna, Mamie and Jehiel.

From the foregoing account it will be seen that Mr. Rogers is a representative of two of the oldest families of this part of the state and he has for sixty-four years been a witness of the succession of changes which have led to Shelby's present development and to the substantial upbuilding of the entire county. While he has never sought to figure before the public in any light, save that of a business man, he has in the control of his trade and agricultural interests manifested many sterling qualities, which have made him a valued resident of this part of the state.

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#### GEORGE KLINKLE.

George Klinkle follows farming on section 29, Sharon township, and also operates a sawmill and cider press. He was born in Springfield township, Richland county, Ohio, July 5, 1864, his parents being George and Katharine (Peifer) Klinkle, who were natives of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. The father died on the old home farm December 2, 1903, at the age of seventy-two years, his birth having occurred in 1831. His wife, who was born in November, 1835, now resides upon the farm with her son George, who purchased the place twelve years ago. The parents were married in Germany and came to the United States in 1854 with one child, who had been born unto them in the fatherland. They lived for a short time in Henry county, Ohio, and then came to Richland county, settling in Springfield township. They were the parents of eight children: Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher, who is living in Springfield township and who was the only one of the family born in Germany; Gerhardt, who follows farming in the same neighborhood as his brother George; Mrs. Katharine Kearn, living in Jackson township; Mrs. Margaret Frank, of Sharon township; Mrs. Caroline Smultz, of Sharon township; Mrs. Mary Horner, of Shelby; George, of this review; and Mrs. Susan Eiler, of Shelby.

George Klinkle remained upon the farm where his birth occurred until about seven years of age, when he came with his parents to the place which is now his home. He has fifty-six acres of land on section 29, Sharon township, which he purchased about twelve years ago, and to the development and improvement of the property he is devoting his time and attention with good results. He also operates a sawmill and cider press, having conducted the sawmill since 1891 and the cider press for four years. All branches of his business are bringing to him a good return, for he labors most diligently and energetically.

On the 8th of July, 1898, Mr. Klinkle was married to Miss Roxie Crowse, a native of Huron county, Ohio, born July 4, 1863, a daughter of Granville Crowse. Their children are Viva Leona, Dana F. and Reabell. The parents and children were all born in the month of July, and the marriage of the parents was celebrated in the same month. In his political views Mr. Klinkle is a democrat and has served as road supervisor of his town. He is interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the community and gives loyal support to many movements for the general good.

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#### ADAM DELP.

The rich soil of Richland county responds readily to the labors of its agriculturists, bringing forth good harvests, and in carrying on the work of tilling the soil Adam Delp has become one of the substantial residents of Madison township. He has long been known as a representative agriculturist here and brought his farm under a high state of cultivation, adding to it many modern equipments and improvements and erecting in its midst a fine modern residence.

Mr. Delp was born in Crestline, Ohio, July 20, 1851, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Hardman) Delp, who were natives of Germany and came to America in the early '40s, first locating in Crestline, Ohio. Their family numbered but two children, the elder, a daughter, Dora, now living with her brother Adam. The father died in 1888 and the mother, surviving him for four years, passed away in 1892.

Adam Delp in his boyhood days was a public-school pupil and in the summer months he received instruction in the work of the farm under the direction of his father. He continued at home until twenty-one years of age and that his father had confidence in his business ability is indicated by the fact that he rented the old homestead to the son, who lived thereon for two years. During that period he carefully saved his earnings, after which he purchased eighty-six acres of land on section 18, Madison township. Here he has now lived for forty-three years and his labors have wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of the place. He has carefully tilled the soil and through the rotation of crops has kept his fields in rich condition. He has secured the latest improved machinery to carry on the work of the farm and in its midst has erected substantial barns and outbuildings for the shelter of

grain and stock. His own home is a fine residence, constituting one of the attractive features in the landscape.

Mr. Delp was married in 1882 to Miss Minnie Snook, who was born in Germany and came with her parents to America at an early day. She was one of a family of six children, all now living in the state of Kansas. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Delp have been born ten children, as follows: Laura, the wife of Emanuel Miley, of Mansfield, Ohio; Charles, who resides in Cleveland; John, Otto, Catharine, Caroline, Edward, Eliza, who has departed this life; Mary, and Ada. The seven youngest children are still under the parental roof.

Politically Mr. Delp is a democrat and has served as supervisor for two years. He has, however, preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs rather than to seek or hold office. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Delp has worked earnestly and persistently through an active business career and has not only gained success but an honored name that constitutes him one of the valued and respected residents of the community.

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#### MICHAEL ACKERMAN.

In the history of Mansfield wherein mention is made of those who have been active in promoting its progress along the various lines that have contributed to its material, intellectual, political, social and moral advancement, it is imperative that more than passing notice be given to Michael Ackerman, who figured many years here as a business man and continued a resident of the city until his death, which occurred in 1904. He was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, July 9, 1826, and while yet a young man learned the miller's trade with his father in Germany. On the second day of the Christmas festivities of 1848, he married Miss Margaret Reinfus, with whom he sailed for America in 1849, landing at Castle Garden, New York, on the 18th of October of that year.

Mr. Ackerman did not tarry in the east, however, but with his young wife came at once to Mansfield where they continued to reside until they were called to the home beyond. Here he began business as a laborer and for several months had charge of a large stable of horses. In the spring of 1850 he took charge of the Wilder House Stables and two years later he began driving on an omnibus line. When he had spent two years in that way he bought a dray and did teaming for three years and later he entered the employ of Spice & Son, wholesale and retail grocers, with whom he continued until they sold out to Tracy & Avery. He continued with the latter firm for four years and then again engaged in the business of draying on his own account, continuing that work until 1864, when he secured a position in J. B. Netscher's wholesale liquor house where he was employed for four years. He resigned his position there to go into business in partnership with Adam Matthes in the conduct of a restaurant in the basement of the Weldon Block, at the corner of Fourth and Main Streets. There they continued for four

years. Mr. Ackerman then bought out his partner and continued in business alone at that place until 1879, when he purchased the Gaudert building on North Main street.

In the following year he moved to this place and continued business there until he retired on the 1st of December, 1888. He had lived a very busy and active life throughout the period following his arrival in America, and during the year 1889 he returned to the fatherland for the first time since he left it in early manhood. In this connection he was accompanied by his wife and youngest daughter and he greatly enjoyed his visit to his old home, where he renewed acquaintances and friendships of his boyhood and early manhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman were the parents of twelve children, four of whom are now deceased, while those who still survive are: Peter, John, Mrs. Kate Wappner, Phillip, Mrs. Anna Senns, Frederick, Charles L, and Mrs. Mame Springer. The last named was the daughter who accompanied her father on his return to his native country. On the 14th of September, 1892, she became the wife of John Springer and unto them have been born three children: William Ackerman, who is a student in the Mansfield high school; Ann E., and John.

After visiting for four months in the fatherland, Michael Ackerman returned to this country well content to spend his remaining days here. He had become closely attached to the land of his adoption and felt that he had enjoyed better business opportunities in the new world than could have come to him in his native country. He was a past noble grand of the Richland Lodge, No. 161, I. O. O. F., with which he held membership for thirty-seven years. He was also a member of Madison Lodge, No. 26, K. P., for thirty-two years and at all times he was loyal to the teachings of these organizations.

His political support was given to the democracy, but he never sought nor held office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon other interests. He was one of the founders of St. Paul's Lutheran church and continued his membership there until his death. His wife died June 3, 1898, and thus passed away two of the oldest representatives of the German-American citizenship of Mansfield. Mr. Ackerman won his success through his unfaltering industry, strong purpose and laudable ambition and as the years passed he gained the good will and respect of his fellowmen by reason of the many admirable traits of character which he displayed.

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#### HENRY L. FENNER.

Through a long period Henry L. Fenner has been prominent in the agricultural life of Plymouth township, Richland county, where he has spent his entire life. He was born here October 15, 1856. The parental grandparents, Felix and Elizabeth (Trauger) Fenner, removed from Tompkins county, New York, to Richland county about 1832, their family numbering thirteen children, of whom twelve lived to years of maturity. The father, with his son William, went to California in 1849, at the time of the gold

excitement on the Pacific coast. He was lost at sea while in the west. Another son, Levi, served in the Civil war. His son Ephraim also served in the Civil war and now makes his home at Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Simon was a clergyman, who became well known in Mansfield, Richland county.

The father of our subject, Felix T. Fenner, was born in Tompkins county, New York, August 20, 1825. He journeyed with his parents by wagon from New York to Richland county when a small lad and spent his entire life in Plymouth township, where he was engaged in farming. He accumulated considerable property, owning one hundred and fifty-six acres on the homestead place, while he also owned one hundred and three acres in Huron county. He was a republican in his political views and was prominent in public life, serving for fifteen consecutive years as township trustee. He was married in Richland county to Miss Mary E. Hills, who was born in Plymouth township January 5, 1829, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Aumend) Hills, who were pioneer people of Richland county. They had a family of three sons and two daughters: Adam F., who is a minister; George; Benjamin, who is also a minister; Susannah; and Mary, now Mrs. Fenner. The latter still survives and makes her home on the farm which was left her by her husband, who is now deceased, his death here occurring March 16, 1896, when he had reached the age of seventy-one years. Their family numbered four children. Sarah, the eldest, is the widow of Thomas L. Barr, of Plymouth, Ohio, who served for four years in the Civil war. The widow is now living in Brockton, New York, with a son. Clara E. became the wife of Henry Wilson, but is now deceased. Mr. Wilson resides with his wife's mother and operates the home farm. Henry L. is the next in order of birth. Ida Adora became the wife of Dr. George Searles, but is now deceased.

Henry L. Fenner, whose name introduces this review, was reared to farm labor and remained with his parents until his marriage. He now owns and operates eighty-five acres of land which formerly constituted a part of the old homestead property, and which he purchased of the other heirs after the death of the father. This land is now a cultivable property and it is also improved with good buildings, Mr. Fenner having remodeled the house and built a fine barn in 1899. In addition to this property he also has charge of one hundred and sixty-three acres in Huron county, which belongs to his mother. He was formerly superintendent of the Farmers Farm Company of Plymouth, conducting the same for two years. They owned forty-five hundred acres of land, in the conduct of which they employed about one hundred and seventy-five men, of which Mr. Fenner had charge. During his superintendency they erected a green house at a cost of nine thousand dollars, a fertilizer plant at a cost of two hundred thousand dollars, and also erected a number of other buildings. He is now giving his entire time and attention to his own farm and that belonging to his mother, and this gives him little time for outside interests. In addition to carrying on general farming, he is engaged quite extensively in raising stock, of which he makes a specialty of De Lain sheep. His success is well merited, for it has come to him through excellent management and his own well directed efforts.

On May 28, 1879, occurred the marriage of Mr. Fenner and Miss Clara Flora, who was born in Washington county, Maryland, in 1852 and came to Richland county at the age of fifteen years. By her marriage she has become the mother of twins, Robert and Flora, born September 18, 1881. The former is at home, while the latter is the wife of Walter Delancy, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio.

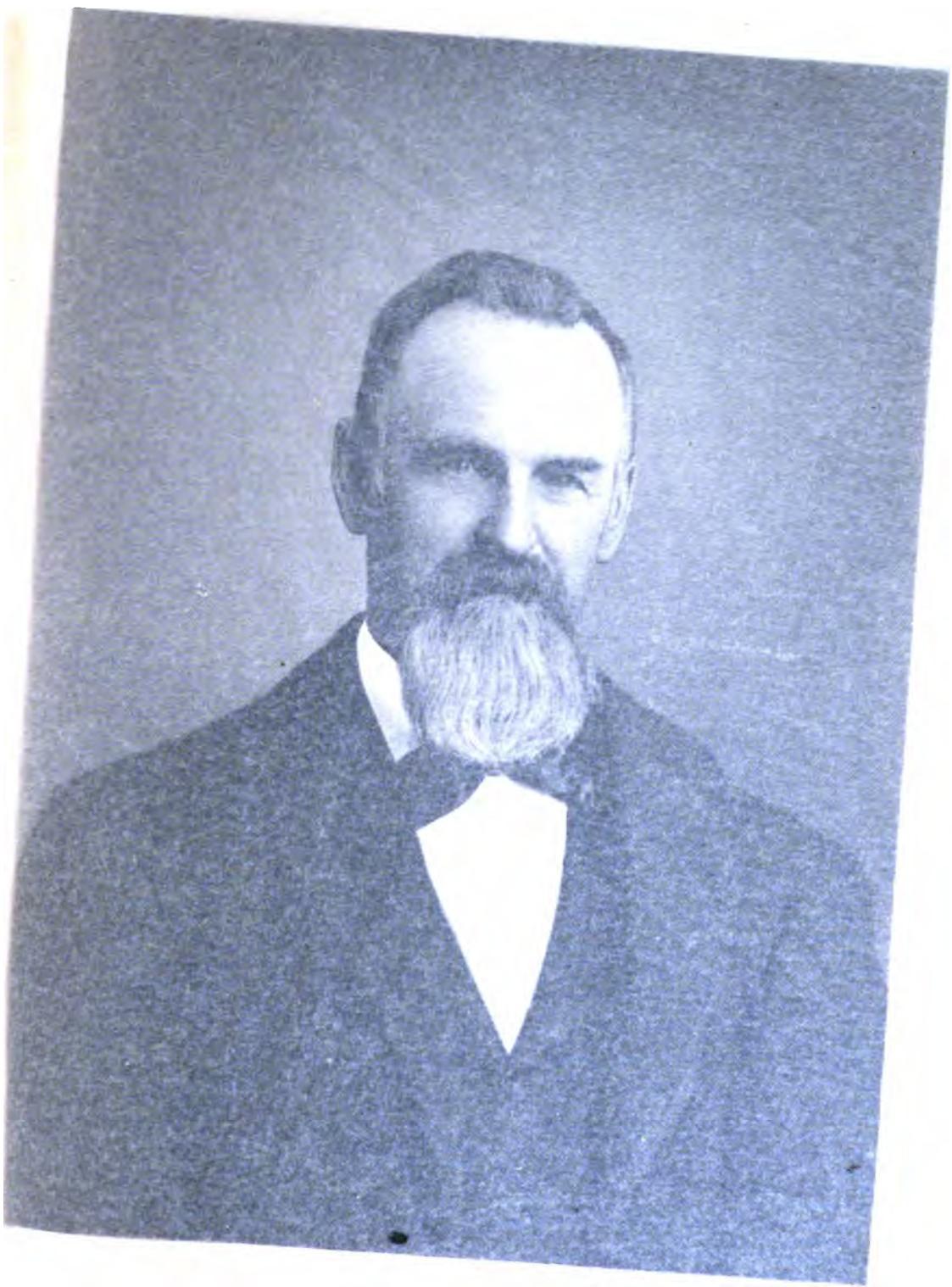
Mr. Fenner has been a lifelong republican and for two terms, or six years, served as trustee of Plymouth township. He has also been identified with the school board for a number of years, the cause of education finding in him a warm and helpful friend. He is a member of the Lutheran church at Plymouth, of which his grandfather was one of the founders, while his father served as a member of the building committee at the time the new brick structure was erected. The family have been prominent in the work of this church since the time of its organization, and at the present time our subject is serving as an elder. In every undertaking he has made in a business way his efforts have been crowned with success—the success which may always with safety be predicted as a reward of steady, strong and well directed energy, and the results of his life work are being left as monuments of his activity.

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#### ELI BERRY.

Eli Berry, to whom has come well earned ease, was born on the farm on which he now resides in Monroe township, Richland county, June 8, 1830. His father, Jacob Berry, was a native of Pennsylvania and arrived in Richland county in 1829. He wedded Mary E. Albright, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, although their marriage was celebrated in Stark county, this state. Both died when eighty-six years of age. The father was a very successful man, who by his well directed business affairs gained a gratifying measure of prosperity. Unto him and his wife were born nine children: Anthony and Adam, both now deceased; Benjamin, a resident farmer of Monroe township; Eli, of this review; Samuel, deceased; Elizabeth; Margaret A.; Sophia; and Katherine. The paternal grandparents of Eli Berry were Peter and Elizabeth (Bearly) Berry, whose family numbered six children: Jacob, Henry, Phillip, Christian, Elizabeth and Katie.

In his boyhood Eli Berry attended the district schools, although his opportunity for the acquirement of an education was somewhat limited, for his services were needed upon the home farm. He continued to assist his father in the care and development of the fields until twenty-one years of age and then he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in and near Lucas until he was thirty years of age. He then bought a farm adjoining the one on which he now lives and there he remained for twenty-four years. When he had brought this under a high state of cultivation and had added to it many modern improvements, he purchased the old Berry homestead, embracing the tract of land which his grandfather had preempted, and, removing to this property,



## LICKHARD COUNTY.

The wife of Mr. Fenger, Anna Clara Fenger, was born in Perry county, Maryland, where she first came to reside at the age of nine years. By her mother she has been named after her parents, Robert and Flora, both born October 18, 1811, and died in the home where she later is the wife of Walter Delaney, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio.

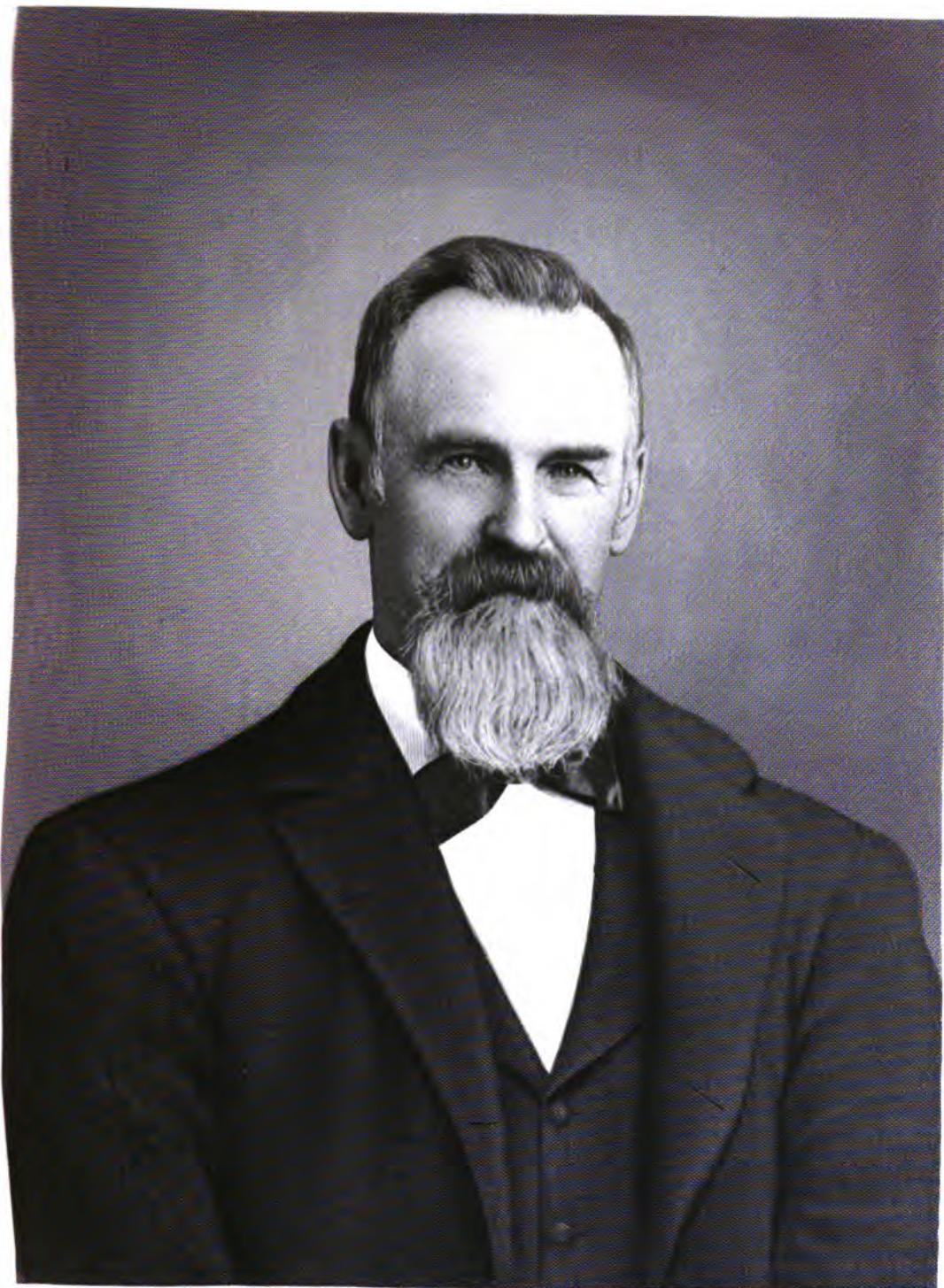
Mr. Fenger has been a lifelong Republican and for two terms, or six years, served as trustee of Elkhorn, now a village. He has also been identified with the schools need for a number of years, in cause of education finding much time and energy in his efforts. He is a member of the Lutheran church at Elkhorn, of which his grandfather was one of the founders, while his father was a member of the vestry committee at the time the new church was erected. The family have been prominent in the work of the church since the time of its organization and at the present time our pastor is a son of Mr. Fenger. In every undertaking he has made in a business way he has always been crowned with success, the success which may be said to be the reward of steady, strong and well directed effort. The monuments of his life work are being left as monuments of his

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Eli Berry, whose name come well earned ease, was born on the farm on which he now resides in Monroe township, Richland county, June 8, 1830. His father, Eli Berry, was a native of Pennsylvania and arrived in Richland county in 1812. He wedded Mary E. Albright, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, and their marriage was celebrated in Stark county, this state, in 1814 when she was thirty-six years of age. The father was a very successful and ably directed business affairs gained a gratifying measure of prosperity. Unto him and his wife were born nine children; Anthony, deceased; John, deceased; Benjamin, a resident farmer of Monroe township, and author of this review; Samuel, deceased; Elizabeth; Margaret A.; Sophia; Jacob, deceased; Katie. The paternal grandparents of Eli Berry were Peter and Elizabeth Bearly. Berry, whose family numbered six children; Jacob, deceased; Phillip, Christian, Elizabeth and Katie.

In his boyhood Eli Berry attended the district schools, although his opportunity for the reception of any education was somewhat limited, for his attention was demanded on the home farm. He continued to assist his father in the cultivation of the fields until twenty-one years of age and then became a laborer in the trade, which he followed in and near Lucas until 1854, when he married. He then bought a farm adjoining the one on which he was born and has remained for twenty-four years. When he had enough money he began to improve his estate of cultivable land and had added to it many modern improvements. In 1868 he sold his old Berry homestead, embracing the tract of land which his grandfather had purchased, and, removing to this property,



ELI BERRY

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Mr. Berry has since made it his home. He today owns three hundred and eight acres of valuable and productive land, on which are good buildings, while all of the equipments and accessories of a model farm property are here to be seen. The farm is splendidly located not far from Lucas. Standing on the rear porch of his home, Mr. Berry can see a magnificent willow, large of growth, which he carried onto the farm as a cane about fifty years ago. Putting it into the earth, it sprouted and is today a splendid tree. He is now enjoying his declining years in the peace and quietude deserved only by those who have striven hard to accumulate enough to meet the demands of an inevitable old age. While he is living retired, in spirit and interest he seems yet in his prime and he is well preserved physically for a man of his age.

In 1859 Mr. Berry was married to Miss Sarah Hays and unto them were born two children. Ira, who died sixteen years ago, had married Mary Runnell and they had one child, Blake K., now deceased. Huldah, the daughter of the first marriage, is the wife of Fremont Teeters, a farmer of Monroe township and they have four children, Eli, Lela, Jessie and Roy. Seven years after their marriage Mrs. Sarah Berry passed away, and a number of years later Mr. Berry was married again, his second union being with Mary E Goodale. Unto them were born four children: Early Douglas, who died at the age of a year and a half; Annie, who is the wife of Clark Smith, head bookkeeper for J. L. Baxter, of Mansfield, by whom she has one child, Douglas; Eva Joy, the wife of Edgar Snyder, who is living on one of her father's farms and by whom she has three children, Marie, Mabel and Caroline; and Mary Mercedes, the wife of Bert Baker, a street railway employe of Mansfield.

Mr. Berry is an advocate of democratic principles but has never been an aspirant for public office, preferring that his service for the community shall be done as a private citizen rather than in an official connection. He belongs to the Christian church, as do all the members of his family, and is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Lucas. He has now reached the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey and can look back over the past without regret, for the years have been fraught with many good deeds, while in his business career he has prospered and yet never has won success at the expense of others, but has been honorable and straightforward in all of his dealings, gaining his prosperity through his diligence and unfaltering determination.

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#### HON. JOHN W. JENNER.

On the list of distinguished attorneys who have practiced at the Richland county bar appears the names of Bartley, Brinkerhoff, Sherman and Stewart, together with others almost equally illustrious, and of John W. Jenner, Judge Martin of the supreme court said: "I have seen many brilliant lawyers and able men upon the bench, but I truly bear from the depths of my heart the voluntary testimonial that Judge Jenner ranks inferior to none and that he is a peer of the best." For forty-five years he has been a prac-

titioner in the state and federal courts and for eleven years sat upon the bench as one of the judges of the fifth judicial circuit of Ohio.

He is a representative of the family which in its lineal and collateral branches has been distinctively American through many generations. The founder of the family in the new world was Richard Jenner, of London, England, who established his home in Connecticut about 1675. His great-grandson, Dr. Samuel Jenner, was born in Woodbury, Litchfield county, Connecticut, in 1739, and was the great-grandfather of Judge Jenner. Nathan Taylor, a great-grandfather in the paternal line, was a private in a New Jersey regiment in the war for independence, while Captain John Foster, a great-grandfather in the maternal line, owned a plantation on the Roanoke in North Carolina and was a commander of a coast trading vessel, which was placed in commission as a privateer. When the English were blockading our coast Captain Foster at one time attempted to get into Pamlico Sound, and in full view of his family and friends was closely pursued by the blockading squadron and barely escaped capture. The judge's grandmother, then a small girl, was deeply impressed with this incident and often related it to her grandchildren.

Dr. A. Jenner, father of Judge Jenner, became a resident of Mansfield in 1834 and represented Richland county in the legislature of 1858. He was a man of marked integrity and purity of character, faithful in his friendships and honorable in every relation of life. He left the impress of his individuality upon the history of this section of the state and his memory is yet honored among the early settlers who knew him. He had four sons: Dr. A. E. Jenner, a physician of Dayton, Ohio, who for two terms was senator from the Crawford district in the general assembly; Dr. C. W. Jenner, who was a medical practitioner at Denver until his death; John W. and Samuel E., who became members of the bar.

In the public schools Judge Jenner acquired his early education, after which he engaged in teaching for several terms, and then spent three years in pursuing an academic course. He afterward became a sophomore in Ohio Wesleyan University and completed the work of the junior year there, subsequent to which time he engaged in teaching in an academy in Missouri for a year. He regarded this, however, merely as an initial step to other professional labor, for it was his desire to become a member of the bar, and in 1860 he and his brother, S. E. Jenner, began preparation for the legal profession, with Hon. Thomas W. Bartley, of Mansfield, as their preceptor. They were both admitted to practice in 1863 and early in his professional career Judge Jenner became the third partner in the firm of Bartley, Johnson & Jenner. About a year later, however, Judge Bartley retired from the firm and removed to Cincinnati, while Mr. Johnson was elected to congress and died soon after the close of his term.

S. E. Jenner, then partner of Judge Bartley in Cincinnati, returned to Mansfield and the two brothers entered into a partnership relation, which was maintained until 1872, when S. E. Jenner joined his father-in-law, Judge Bartley, in the practice of law in Washington city. Judge Jenner was at one time associated for several years with Judge M. R. Dickey, of Cleve-

land, and afterward with Judge Geddes. As the years passed he demonstrated his powers in the courts. His is a natural discrimination as to legal ethics and he is so thoroughly well read in the minutiae of the law that he is able to base his arguments upon thorough knowledge of and familiarity with precedents and to present a case upon its merits, never failing to recognize the main point at issue and never neglecting to give a thorough preparation. His pleas have been characterized by a terse and decisive logic and a lucid presentation rather than by flights of oratory, and his power is the greater before court or jury from the fact that it is recognized that his aim is ever to secure justice and not to enshroud the cause in a sentimental garb or illusion which will thwart the principles of right and equity involved. In 1864, when he had practiced for but a year, he was appointed prosecuting attorney of Richland county, and that his service was able is indicated by the fact that he was afterward elected for two full terms. Following the close of his second term in 1869, he spent a year in the Harvard Law School, which proved a very profitable one. It was about that time that President Elliott became the head of the institution, while Professor C. C. Langdell, whose case system has revolutionized legal instruction in the schools, was also a teacher there.

Following his return to Mansfield, Judge Jenner resumed the practice of law with his brother, and the association was maintained until he was elevated to the circuit bench in October, 1884, except for the short period when Samuel E. Jenner was in Washington and John W. Jenner was on the common pleas bench. He served as circuit judge for eleven years, and his previous broad experience well qualified him for the onerous duties which came upon him in this connection. He has great respect for the dignity of judicial place and power and no man ever presided in a court with more respect for his environments than did Judge Jenner. As a result of that personal characteristic the proceedings were always orderly on the part of every one—audience, bar and the officers from the highest to the lowest. His opinions are fine specimens of judicial thought, always clear, logical, and as brief as the character of the case will permit. He never enlarged beyond the necessities of the legal thought in order to indulge in the drapery of literature. His mind during the entire period of his course at the bar and on the bench has been directed in the line of his profession and his duty. In the last word is the keynote of his professional career. He has ever felt it to be his duty to give his best service to his clients, or to the court as the case might be, and it was with a feeling of deepest regret on the part of the bar that he severed his relations with them as judge of the fifth Ohio circuit.

In 1868 Judge Jenner was married to Miss Emma A. Mack, the only daughter of Hon. John Mack, who in 1853 represented Richland and Ashland counties in the state senate. Her grandfather, Harry Ayers, married Jane Hoy, whose family was of Scotch origin. They are descendants of William Hoy, who was a soldier with Argyle on Flodden Field in 1513. Three brothers, descendants of William Hoy, came to America in 1756, and one of them, Peter Hoy, fought for American independence in the Revolutionary War. William Hoy, the father of Mrs. Jacob Ayers, was commander

of a company in the war of 1812. The mother of Adam Poe, whose fight with the Indian chief, Big Foot, on the banks of the Ohio, all school boys delight to read, was a daughter of one of these Hoy brothers. Judge and Mrs. Jenner became parents of five children: Mary J., who became the wife of C. C. Wagner, president of the Wagner Hardware Company, of Mansfield, and died in 1900; Mrs. Florence Dann, of Columbus; Grace, Gertrude and John M., all at home.

Judge Jenner is a director of the Richland Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He has ever been deeply interested in community affairs and has given the party helpful cooperation in many movements for the public good. The cause of public instruction is of deep interest to him, and for twelve years he served as president of the board of education in Mansfield. In professional lines he is connected with the Mansfield Bar Association and the State Bar Association. While undoubtedly he is not with that honorable ambition which is so powerful and useful as an incentive to activity in public affairs, he regards the pursuits of private life as being in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts. Endowed by nature with high intellectual qualities to which are added the discipline and embellishments of culture, his is a most attractive personality. Well versed in the learning of his profession and with a deep knowledge of human nature and the springs of human conduct, with great sagacity and tact, he is in the courts an advocate of great power and influence and upon the bench was a judge "sans peur et sans reproche."

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#### REV. JACOB F. KUEBLER.

Rev. Jacob F. Kuebler, pastor of the church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the largest Catholic church in Richland county, located in what is known as the Shelby settlement in Plymouth township, early prepared for the priesthood and for thirty-three years has devoted his life to this holy calling. He was born in Tiffin, Seneca county, Ohio, June 21, 1849, a son of Anthony and Frances (Schabacher) Kuebler, the former a native of Baden and the latter of Bavaria, Germany. The father came to the United States when eight years of age and the mother when a maiden of twelve summers. They were married in this county and Mrs. Kuebler now resides with her son, Rev. Jacob F. Kuebler, at the age of eighty years. Her husband, who was born June 20, 1822, died September 22, 1892, at the age of seventy years. Their family numbered thirteen children: Frances, who is living with Rev. Jacob F. Kuebler, who is the second in order of birth; Joseph, an insurance agent of Tiffin, Ohio; William, a dry-goods merchant of Decatur, Indiana; Louis, who is living in Mansfield; Charles, deceased; Alphonse, a dry-goods merchant of Durango, Colorado; Herman, a dentist of Toledo, Ohio; Rose, the wife of A. J. Henry, of Tiffin; Emma, who is living with Father Kuebler, and three who died in childhood.

At the place of his nativity Father Kuebler resided until seventeen years of age and during his early school days he learned the printer's trade. In 1866 he became a student of Mount St. Mary's Seminary at Cincinnati, which he entered in September, 1866, in preparation for the priesthood. He completed his course in 1875 and on the 4th of July of that year was ordained, since which time he has devoted his attention with unfaltering zeal to the work of the church. His first church was at Rockport, where he remained from the 16th of July, 1875, until February 22, 1891. He was then in charge of the church at Canal Fulton, Ohio, until 1898, and in June of the latter year went to Massillon as pastor of St. Joseph's church, where he continued until 1904. On the 5th of February, of that year, he was appointed to the Sacred Heart of Jesus church. This church is one of the largest in the county. The edifice, one hundred and thirty-six by forty feet, is built of cut stone in pure Gothic architecture and cost forty thousand dollars. This is the finest country church in the diocese, the main marble altar having been installed at a cost of nearly three thousand dollars. The work of building was begun May 29, 1892, and the church was dedicated on the 15th of September, 1895. There is now a membership of about four hundred and fifty and the work of the church is being carried steadily forward in its various departments under the able guidance of Father Kuebler, who is recognized as a most earnest and helpful leader of his people, not only in spiritual things but also as adviser to them in many temporal matters. He is a man of broad education, especially in theological lines, and his labors have been attended with much success in the promotion of Catholic interests in this locality.

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#### W. O. SNYDER.

W. O. Snyder, who is engaged in farming and stock-raising on a well improved farm of one hundred and fourteen acres, eighty acres of which are located on section 33, Monroe township and thirty-four acres in Worthington township, is a native son of the county, his birth having occurred April 18, 1852. His parents, John D. and Barbara (Rummel) Snyder, were also natives of the Buckeye state, the father's birth occurring in Richland county, while the mother was a native of Wyandot county. Their family numbered seven children, namely: Louis, of Monroe township; James M., a resident of Richland county; Amanda, the wife of Henry Mowery, who makes his home in Illinois; Dell and Peter, also of Richland county; Anna, the wife of Charles Berry, a resident of Monroe township; and W. O., of this review. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1880, while the death of the father occurred in 1904.

W. O. Snyder spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his parents' home, during which time he acquired his education in the common schools of this section of the county. He remained with his father until he had reached the age of twenty-three years, when he started out upon his own resources, operating rented land for a decade. During this time through his economy, energy and

well directed labors he acquired a sum that enabled him at that time to purchase property and he thus became the owner of eighty acres, situated in Monroe township, on section 33, and thirty-four acres located in Worthington township. He has here a well improved farm, made so through his own labor and here in addition to raising the various cereals best adapted to soil and climate he devotes much of his time to raising stock and both branches of his business are bringing him good financial returns. In former years he also did threshing, following that business for seventeen years and in this connection he became widely known throughout various sections of the county.

Mr. Snyder chose as a companion and helpmate Miss Adaline Snyder, who though of the same name was not a relative. Their wedding was celebrated June 10, 1876. She was born in Monroe township, July 3, 1850, and was one of a family of three children. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children: Ezra, a resident of Monroe township; Pearl, the wife of Don Yearnal, of Perryville, this state; and Zola, the wife of Lou McKarne, of Richland county.

Mr. Snyder's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give stalwart support to the men and measures of democracy, although he has never been active as an office seeker. Mrs. Snyder is a member of the Lutheran church and is highly esteemed in the community in which she makes her home, while in his business dealings Mr. Snyder is known for his integrity and reliability.

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#### JAMES WILLIAM GALBRAITH.

James William Galbraith, an attorney-at-law of Mansfield, Ohio, was born in this city on the 23d of January, 1874. The family is of Scotch-Irish ancestry and representatives of the name were among the early settlers and extensive landowners of the Cumberland valley in Pennsylvania. Members of the parent family were active in support of the government in Revolutionary times, notably Major Andrew Galbraith, of the American army, who is buried at Silver Springs cemetery near Mechanicsburg. (See Harrisburg Telegraph, August, 1898.) The family contributed largely of its property to help pay the expenses of the American army at Valley Forge. James G. Blaine's grandmother was a Galbraith, whose home was in the Cumberland valley before her removal to Brownsville, Pennsylvania. (See Conwell's Life of James G. Blaine.) Robert Galbraith, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a constructor of water mills and canals in eastern Pennsylvania. His death occurred about 1835 or 1836. His wife belonged to the Quigley family, who were also early settlers and extensive landowners of the Cumberland valley, the parent stock locating there after emigrating from Ireland. The great-great-grandfather's will was probated April 5, 1781, while the great-grandfather's will was probated April 21, 1806. The Quigley family included Dr. John Quigley, who afterward located at Shepherdstown, West Virginia, and there died in September, 1884, at the age of eighty-two years. During the

Civil war, although his interests suffered from it, he maintained his loyalty and, being in close touch with the president and others high in authority, he was enabled to render valuable assistance to those in trouble or persecuted for their principles. Dr. Samuel Quigley, who was born in 1796 and passed away in 1872, "was a public-spirited man and a member of the constitutional convention of Ohio in 1851 and 1852. He is buried at Calcutta, Ohio, where he lived many years." (See issue of November 21, 1898, the Harrisburg Semi-Weekly Telegraph.)

James Oliver Galbraith, father of James William Galbraith, is still living at the age of seventy-eight years, his birth having occurred in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, in May, 1830. In 1856 he located in Shenandoah, Richland county, Ohio, coming to Mansfield in 1858, where he has since resided. He was extensively and successfully engaged in the carriage and wagon manufacturing business from 1856 until 1876. In 1871 he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Hunt, a native of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, where her birth occurred in November, 1837. The following year she was brought by her parents, William and Margaret Hunt, to Mansfield and has since made her home here. The Hunts had come to Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, from Hagerstown, Maryland, and originally were of the earliest settlers of Virginia. The maternal grandmother was a representative of the Barr and McConnell families, active supporters of the government in the Revolutionary army.

It will thus be seen that James William Galbraith has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished. He is the only child of the union of J. O. and Margaret (Hunt) Galbraith, which was the father's second marriage. In the public schools of his native city he acquired his preliminary education but laid aside his text-books in 1890 and took a clerkship in the dry-goods store of Joseph Black. On the 25th of July, 1891, he commenced the study of law with the firm of Donnell Marriott, devoting his leisure hours to the study of jurisprudence and also to his uncompleted school studies while engaged in various employments. While pursuing his legal education he was likewise connected with the office of clerk of courts, John C. Burns, and of Probate Judge Lewis Brucker, as recording clerk and deputy. On the 7th of June, 1895, he was admitted to the bar by the supreme court of Ohio and immediately entered upon active practice as a member of the firm of Maguire & Galbraith, which partnership continued until March 27, 1905, the latter having practiced alone since its dissolution. In no profession is there a career more open to talent than in that of the law, and in no field of endeavor is there demanded a more careful preparation, a more thorough appreciation of the absolute ethics of life, or of the underlying principles which form the basis of all human rights and privileges. Unflagging application and intuitive wisdom and a determination to fully utilize the means at hand, are the concomitants which insure personal success and prestige in this great profession, which stands as the stern conservator of justice; and it is one into which none should enter without a recognition of the obstacles to be overcome and the battles to be won, for success does not perch on the falehion of every person who enters the competitive fray, but comes only as the diametrical result of capacity and unmis-

takable ability. Possessing all the requisite qualities of the able lawyer, Mr. Galbraith has gained an extensive and enviable patronage and is widely recognized as one of the prominent representatives of the legal profession in this city.

On the 27th of June, 1900, at Mount Vernon, Ohio, Mr. Galbraith was united in marriage to Miss Isabelle E. Wright, of a family well and favorably known, and engaged for years in mercantile pursuits in Knox county. Their ancestors, the Wrights and Pattons, were among the early settlers of Tuscarawas and Knox counties, Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith has been born one child, William Harold, aged seven years.

Our subject was a member and one of the organizers of the Richland Rifles, a private military company, which was afterward mustered into state service as Company M, Eighth Regiment Ohio National Guard, and was mustered into state service in the original muster, continuing therein for about four years and seeing active service during the mining strike of 1894.

In his political views Mr. Galbraith is a democrat and has always been active in the work of his party, though he never sought political office until the spring of 1908, when he was nominated by the democratic party of Richland county as its candidate for prosecuting attorney at the election to be held November 3, 1908. Fraternally he is connected with Madison Lodge, No. 26, K. P., which he joined in March, 1895, and of which he was chancellor commander during the first half of the year 1903. In July, 1897, he joined Mansfield Lodge, No. 35, F. & A. M., of which he was worshipful master in 1900, and during the years 1900, 1901 and 1902 he was worthy patron of Ruth Chapter, No. 17, Order of Eastern Star. His membership relations also connect him with Mansfield Tent, No. 130, K. O. T. M., the Knights & Ladies of Honor, Home Guards of America and Modern Brotherhood of America, all of Mansfield, Ohio. In religion he is a Methodist, being a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Mansfield. In the place of his nativity, where he has spent his entire life, he has gained distinction in legal, political and fraternal circles and is recognized as a worthy scion of an honorable and honored ancestry.

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#### JONATHAN UHLICH.

Jonathan Uhlich, who has been superintendent in charge of the Children's Home at Mansfield since 1897, was born in Madison township, Richland county, Ohio, May 14, 1857. He is a son of Joseph Uhlich, a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, born December 27, 1818. He arrived in this county on the 12th of May, 1830, when a youth of twelve years, and took up his abode in Madison township on a farm just north of the Mansfield corporation line, now comprising one hundred and thirty acres. It was upon this place that Jonathan Uhlich was born and it is today his property. Having arrived at years of maturity, Joseph Uhlich was married to Miss Catherine Fiddler, also a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, born April 30, 1821. She too came to Richland county with her parents, and the family home was





MRS. HETTIE ULLICH



JONATHAN UHLICH.



established in Madison township in pioneer days. With the work of early development and improvement Joseph Uhlich was connected, assisting materially in the progress of the county, especially along agricultural lines. His salient traits of character were such as won for him the highest regard and confidence, and throughout the period of his residence here he enjoyed the good will and respect of those who knew him. He died June 15, 1890, having for ten years survived his wife, who passed away in 1880 at the age of fifty-six years. There was one daughter in the family, Mrs. Ella Fay.

The son, Jonathan Uhlich, obtained his education in the district schools and was trained to habits of industry, economy and integrity on the home farm. After he had gained some practical knowledge of affairs and life he engaged in business in Mansfield and so continued his success until he relinquished his enterprise, assuming the superintendency of the Children's Home in September, 1897. The first sixteen years of his life were spent upon the home farm and then he came to Mansfield in 1873. He was thereafter identified with business interests of the city until 1897, and in his present position he has given eminent satisfaction by the capable businesslike way in which he conducts the home and also by reason of the humanitarian spirit which he displays in the care of the little ones entrusted to his charge.

Mr. Uhlich was married to Miss Hettie Caldwell, a daughter of Samuel Caldwell, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1818, and died in Missouri in 1880. She was a granddaughter of Samuel Caldwell, Senior, who died about 1830. Her mother, Mrs. Sarah Caldwell, nee Chambers, is a resident of Springfield township. Her father, James Chambers, arrived in Ohio from Pennsylvania in 1810. Both the Caldwell and the Chambers families were of Scotch-Irish descent and were numbered among the early residents of Richland county, where becoming identified with the work of public progress they assisted materially in the early development and upbuilding of this part of the state. Mrs. Uhlich was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, September 18, 1858, and was brought to this county by her parents in 1859. The consensus of public opinion award both Mr. and Mrs. Uhlich high praise for their management of the Children's Home, Mr. Uhlich acting as superintendent of the institution and his wife as matron since September 1, 1897.

The farm consists of forty acres of well cultivated land and the house contains about sixty large and airy rooms. It has spacious halls and is in every way splendidly appointed, being an ideal home of this character. The house is approached from the street by an avenue a quarter of a mile long bordered by grand old trees. The average number of children accommodated here from different parts of the county is about sixty and they range in age from one to sixteen years. On reaching the latter age they are placed in desirable homes where they are cared for until fully able to care for themselves. Since Mr. Uhlich assumed the superintendency of the home it has never had less than forty-two children under its roof, while the highest number has been eighty-three. He is in all ways an ideal superintendent for an establishment of this kind, for he loves children in an intense degree, so that he stands to those under his charge practically in the relation of a father,

and Mrs. Uhlich surrounds them with a mother's love and care. They are both much interested in the work, and the county is certainly fortunate in securing their services in this connection. Mr. Uhlich, too, manifests excellent business ability in the management of the farm and it partakes as little as possible of the nature of a public institution, but on the contrary has the real home spirit, so that the children largely enjoy the advantages which fate has denied them in homes of their own.

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#### CHRISTIAN SCHINDLER.

Christian Schindler, who is living retired on his farm on section 20, Washington township, was born in Prussia, Germany, September 4, 1829, his parents being Christopher and Hannah (Onheiser) Schindler, also natives of the fatherland, the former born in 1801 and the latter in 1807. Christopher Schindler accompanied his parents on their emigration to America in 1847, the little party landing at Quebec, whence they went direct to Missouri, arriving there in August, 1847. In the spring of 1848 the father of our subject came to Richland county, Ohio, purchasing a small farm of twenty acres on section 4, Washington township. He was a tailor by trade and gave his attention largely to that vocation, leaving the work of the farm mostly to his sons. In the spring of 1868 he removed to a farm near Lexington, Ohio, but two years later he returned to Washington township, where he lived some five years, and in the spring of 1875 he again removed to Troy township, where he died the same year. His wife survived him until 1888, when she, too, was called to her final rest. Unto this worthy couple were born five children, namely: Christian, of this review; Mrs. Laura Mengert, who is a widow residing in Mansfield, Ohio; William, who died while serving as a soldier in the army; Catherine, the wife of John Miller, of Mansfield, Ohio; and John, who makes his home in Lexington, Ohio.

Christian Schindler acquired a good common-school education in his native country, and was eighteen years of age when he came to the United States. He remained under the parental roof until he attained the age of twenty-three years and then began the operation of a rented farm, being thus engaged until 1861, when he purchased a tract of forty acres. In 1868, however, he sold this farm and bought his present place of seventy acres on section 20, Washington township, which he has brought under a high state of development and on which he has put many excellent improvements. He still resides on the farm, but is now renting the land, so that he is enabled to spend his remaining days in well earned ease, being widely recognized as one of the highly respected, prosperous and venerable citizens of the community.

On the 5th of October, 1854, occurred the marriage of Mr. Schindler and Miss Mary Touby, whose birth occurred in Germany, November 13, 1830, her parents being Jacob and Elizabeth Touby, the former born in

1800 and the latter in 1802. Mrs. Schindler accompanied her parents on their removal to the new world in 1848, the family home being established in Washington township, Richland county, where the father purchased a farm. His demise occurred in this county in 1872, while his wife also passed away here, being called to her final rest on the 30th of November, 1885. Their family numbered seven children, three of whom still survive: Mrs. Mary Englehart, a widow residing in Lexington, Ohio; Mrs. Schindler; and William, of Washington township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Schindler has been born one daughter, Mary, the wife of Martin Toubey, of Washington township.

Mr. Schindler is a democrat in his political views, and both he and his wife are lifelong members of the Evangelical church, in which he has served as elder. They are a highly esteemed and intelligent old couple, receiving the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded those who have traveled thus far on life's journey and whose careers have ever been upright and honorable.

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#### H. S. GARBER.

H. S. Garber, who now owns and operates two hundred and twenty acres of valuable land on section 34, Jefferson township, was born on this farm on the 5th of July, 1864. His parents, J. L. and Rebecca (Wallace) Garber, also natives of Richland county, Ohio, were of German and Scotch descent respectively. Their children were as follows: Ella, the wife of John Watson, of this county; Irene, deceased; Clara, the widow of S. A. Oyster, who likewise makes her home in this county; Ida M., at home; H. S., of this review; J. W., of Richland county; J. M., who is a civil engineer of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; George Wallace, Myrtle E. and Mamie D., all of whom have passed away. Mrs. Garber is one of the two survivors in a family of six children and now lives with her daughter, but the death of the father occurred in 1903. He always took an active interest in politics as a champion of the democracy, and served nearly seven years as county commissioner. He was identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Grange.

H. S. Garber remained on the home farm until he had attained his majority and supplemented his preliminary education by a course in Ashland College, and a course in the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, of which he is a graduate. He was engaged in teaching school for fifteen years and for a period of four years was located in Missouri, but, returning to Ohio in 1896, has here since resided. He now owns two hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land on section 34, Jefferson township, and in addition to the tilling of the soil makes a specialty of feeding stock, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income.

In 1898 Mr. Garber was united in marriage to Miss Sylvia Swank, who was born in Jefferson township, Richland county, Ohio, in 1874, a daughter of John

and Leah Swank, natives of this state. They have become the parents of five children, namely: Lucile C., Leora E., Gladys M., J. L. and Vance W.

Mr. Garber gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has served on the school board, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Universalist church, while fraternally he is connected with the Maccabees and the Grange. Natives of this county, both he and his wife are widely and favorably known throughout the community by reason of their genuine personal worth and sterling traits of character, having gained the respect and regard of all with whom they have been brought in contact.

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### WILLIAM LUTZ.

William Lutz, residing in Lexington, is a prominent representative of industrial interests in this part of the state. He is a man of unfaltering activity who readily sees and utilizes his opportunities and recognizes that the present and not the future is the moment for action. He is now connected with various business interests of the community and belongs to that class of representative American men, who in advancing individual success also contribute to the general welfare.

Mr. Lutz was born in Washington township, this county, December 1, 1865, and is a son of Thomas Lutz, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Spending his boyhood days under the parental roof he acquired his education in the district schools and when not busy with his text-books he gave his father the benefit of his services, working with him until about twenty-three years of age. At the age of twenty-five years he began operating a sawmill in connection with his brother, and for sixteen years has lived in Lexington, where he has been engaged in business as owner of a sawmill, handling about two hundred thousand feet of lumber annually. He buys the standing timber or the logs, converts it into marketable lumber and has furnished building material for big contracts, including some of Mansfield's finest residences, and also for one of the largest and best hotels in that city. A man with resourceful business ability, he has not confined his attention to one line, but has extended his efforts into other departments of business activity. In 1900 he bought out his brother's interest in the sawmill and conducted that enterprise alone. He is also engaged quite extensively in buying and shipping logs and he buys and bales hay and makes shipments of that commodity every year, owning and operating two steam balers. He likewise is engaged in threshing and in this connection owns four threshing outfits which are constantly employed during the busy season.

On the 1st of March, 1892, Mr. Lutz was united in marriage to Miss Callie Gritz, who was born in Douglas county, Illinois, in 1868, and is a daughter of John and Mary (Mason) Gritz, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Illinois. They are both living in Douglas county, Illinois, at the present time. Mr. Gritz came from the fatherland to the new world at

fifteen years of age, in company with his parents, who located in Coles county, Illinois. By his marriage there were born to him and his wife six children, of whom three are living, viz.: Mrs. Lutz, Mrs. Christiana Ann Newman, a resident of Indiana; and Frederick C., of Illinois. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lutz has been blessed with six children, of whom four are living: Clarence, Fred, Ralph and Floyd. Clara, the third in order of birth is deceased and the youngest died in infancy. Mr. Lutz erected a residence in Lexington, but having an opportunity to sell this at a handsome profit he did so and now has plans under way for a fine home which he will occupy. He is one of the prominent and influential residents of the community and at the present time is serving as a member of the council. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity of Bellville and to the Modern Woodmen camp of Lexington, while his political allegiance is given to the democracy. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church and his wife belongs to the Christian church. Mr. Lutz certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished for he started out in life empty-handed and has worked his way upward by reason of honorable methods and unfaltering industry. Brooking no obstacles that could be overcome by persistence, he has steadily advanced and the success which he has achieved has been but the just reward of his earnest labor and commercial integrity.

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#### SAMUEL L. STROUP.

Samuel L. Stroup, a representative of the farming interests of Plymouth township, living on section 32, was born near Blain, Perry county, Pennsylvania, January 4, 1862. He resided there until he came to Richland county, November 25, 1880. His parents, Peter and Susan (Moose) Stroup, spent their entire lives upon a farm in Perry county. The mother died when her son was but six years of age, and the father passed away on the 1st of November, 1880, when his son was a youth of eighteen. The family numbered six children: Mrs. Maggie Baker, who is living in Pennsylvania; David, a retired farmer of Shelby; Henry, who resides in Sharon township; George, living in Fremont, Ohio; James, whose home is in Michigan; and the subject of this review.

On removing west Samuel L. Stroup made his way at once to Richland county. As he had no capital to aid him in starting out in life he worked by the month as a farm hand for Thomas Bradley for five years. He then rented land for two years, in connection with his brother Henry, afterward locating on the present John Dempsey place, where he lived for twenty years, operating that farm until the death of Mr. Dempsey, four years ago, and since that time he has had charge of the property for the estate. In this connection he had charge of seven hundred and twenty acres of land, which has now been reduced to four hundred acres. It is a valuable stock farm on which is a race course, and road horses have been made a feature of the place. Mr. Stroup breeds and sells these and has also engaged in dealing in cattle and

sheep. Adjoining this place is a tract of land of one hundred and twenty-seven acres, on section 32, Plymouth township, which is the property of Mr. Stroup and which he now rents.

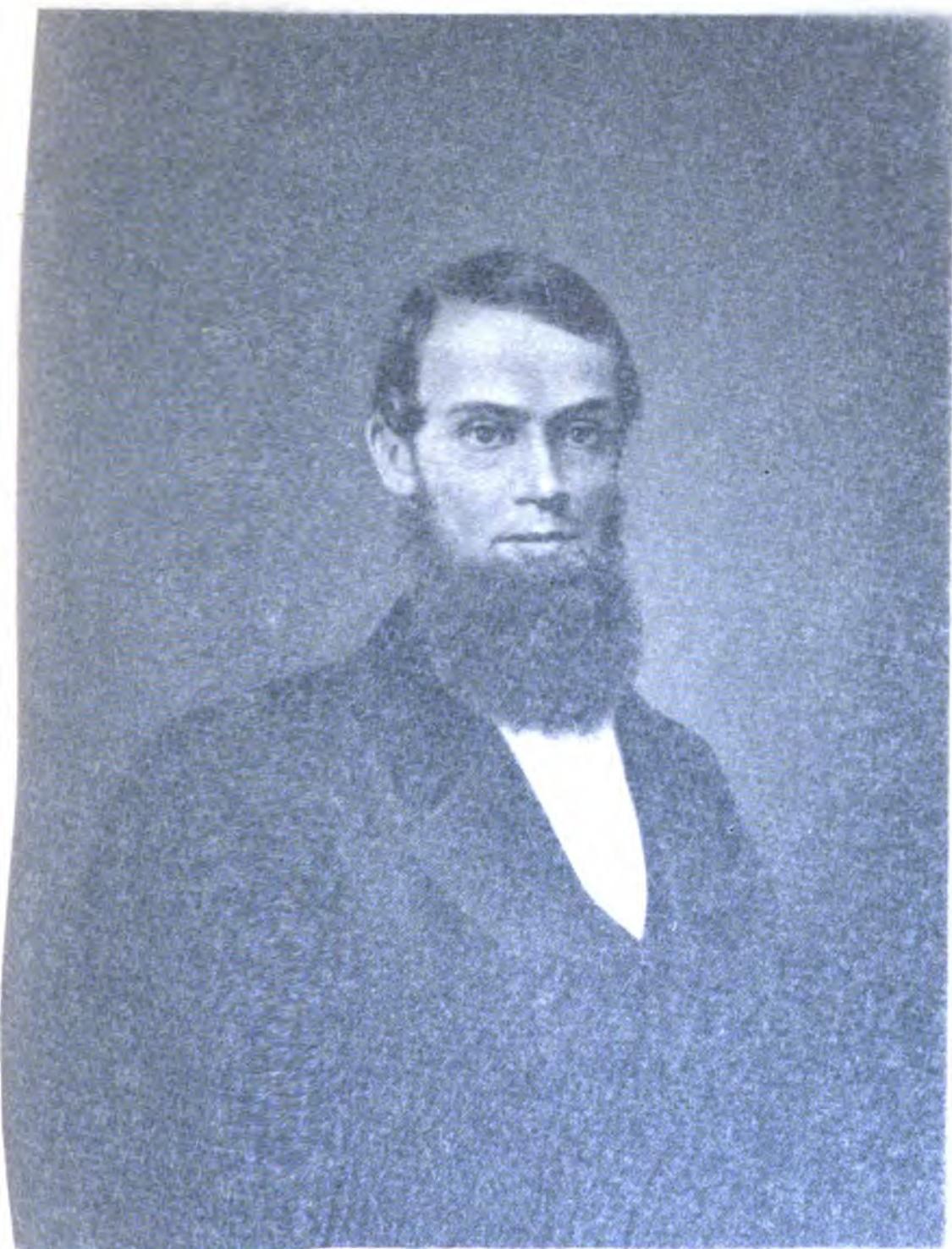
In 1888 occurred the marriage of Mr. Stroup and Miss Emma Stein, a native of Cass township and a daughter of Henry Stein. Unto this marriage three children have been born: Lolai, Clarence, and Fred. Mr. Stroup was elected a trustee of Plymouth township in the fall of 1907, and is therefore filling the office at the present time. He has been a school officer for twelve years and he usually votes with the republican party, for he believes that its principles will best conserve good government. Fraternally he is connected with the Tribe of Ben Hur, with the Modern Woodmen and with the Knights of Pythias, being associated with all these organizations through their local branches in Shelby. He is accounted today one of the most progressive, enterprising farmers and stock-raisers in this part of the state, for his business interests have reached extensive proportions and are most capably managed.

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#### RUFUS LORD AVERY.

As long as memory remains to the American people, the story of the soldiers of the Civil war will fill our hearts and awaken our gratitude. Richland county supplied her full quota to the army which defended the Union and among the number of her gallant sons who went from Mansfield was Captain Rufus Lord Avery, who gave his life a willing sacrifice on the altar of his country.

He was a representative of one of the oldest families of Mansfield. His father, Curtis Lord Avery, was born at Groton, Connecticut, June 1, 1810, and was one of the earliest inhabitants of Mansfield. He came of a family of English lineage that was established at Gloucester, Massachusetts, in 1630. Representatives of the name were active supporters of the cause of independence in the Revolutionary war and also fought for American interests in the war of 1812. Arriving in Mansfield in 1833, in the days of its villagehood, Curtis L. Avery, engaged in merchandising and while promoting his individual success also aided largely in advancing the prosperity of the city along many substantial lines. He was a man of broad humanitarian principles and naturally was one of the first to espouse the anti-slavery cause. He refused to follow the teachings of many of the clergymen of that day, who believed that the institution of slavery should be let alone, even though they did not advocate it. Mr. Avery, however, was a man fearless in defense of his honest convictions and he could not be content to remain affiliated with a church that did not take a strong stand in opposition to what he rightly believed was a great evil. Accordingly, in company with several of his neighbors who held views similar to his own, he founded the first Congregational church of Mansfield, which recently celebrated its semi-centennial anniversary. Soon after the close of the war he retired from business and removed to Wayne, Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia. He had lived to see



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There is a tract of land of one hundred and twenty-seven acres in the township, which is the property of Mr. Stroup.

The marriage of Mr. Stroup and Miss Emma Stein, a daughter of Henry Stein, a native of Germany, and a daughter of Henry Stein. Unto this marriage were born three sons - Lelai, Clarence, and Fred. Mr. Stroup was born in the same township in the fall of 1907, and is therefore a native of the state. He has been a school officer for twelve years, and is a strong advocate of the republican party, for he believes that its principles are best suited to the welfare of the country. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Columbus, the Modern Woodmen and with the Knights of Pythias. He is well acquainted with all these organizations through their local branches. He is accounted today one of the most progressive, successful and stockholders in this part of the state, for his business enterprises are conducted on large proportions and are most capably managed.

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He was a representative of one of the oldest families of Mansfield. His father, Curtis Lord Avery, was born at Groton, Connecticut, June 1, 1810, and died at Mansfield in 1875. He was one of the earliest inhabitants of Mansfield. He came of a family of English lineage that was established at Gloucester, Massachusetts, in 1630. Several relatives of the name were active supporters of the cause of independence in the Revolutionary war and also fought for American interests in the war of 1812. Arriving in Mansfield in 1833, in the days of its village, Captain Avery engaged in merchandising and while promoting his business success also aided largely in advancing the prosperity of the city by laying out many substantial lines. He was a man of broad humanitarian views and it naturally was one of the first to espouse the anti-slavery cause. He refused to follow the teachings of many of the clergymen of that day, however, in that the institution of slavery should be let alone, even though they advocated it. Mr. Avery, however, was a man fearless in his convictions and he could not be content to remain inactive, so he did not take a strong stand in opposition to what he believed to be a great evil. Accordingly, in company with several other men of like broad views similar to his own, he founded the first Anti-Slavery Society in Mansfield, which recently celebrated its semi-centennial anniversary. At the close of the war he retired from business and moved to a home near Philadelphia. He had lived to see



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the principles which he advocated become a part of the national laws. In Mansfield he was numbered among the upbuilders of the city and his name is yet honored as that of one who took a prominent and helpful part in the city's advancement. In 1854 he erected the house which afterward became the home of Senator Sherman.

Rufus Lord Avery, a son of Curtis Lord Avery, was born in Mansfield, April 16, 1838, and was educated at Kenyon College, after which he entered the mercantile business with his father. In 1860 he formed a partnership in mercantile lines with F. E. Tracy, and under the firm name of Tracy & Avery they conducted the first wholesale grocery house in Mansfield. The business has had a prosperous existence from the beginning and is still carried on as first founded, Captain Rufus L. Avery's name being still retained in the firm. A complete history of this institution appears elsewhere in this volume. At the opening of the rebellion he was the first to respond to the country's call for troops. Hardly had the smoke from Fort Sumter's guns cleared away when he placed his name on the roll of Company C, Fifteenth Ohio Infantry. This was on the 17th of April, 1861, only five days after the first gun had been fired. He was made sergeant of his company and was promoted on the field to the rank of second lieutenant. He participated with his regiment in the engagement of Phillipi and a few days later was at Ridge Mountain. He also took part in the operations in the Cheat River Valley, which resulted in driving the enemy from that part of West Virginia. He also went on a long march of one hundred and thirty miles in pursuit of Buchanan. When the three months' term of enlistment had expired, the regiment returned to Ohio for reorganization in August, 1861. Captain Avery's business, however, demanded his personal attention and he did not return to the field until May, 1864, but during the interval he was active in promoting the Union cause in many ways, especially in assisting in organizing and drilling troops for the fields. As captain of Company A, of the One Hundred and Sixty-third Ohio Infantry he again went to the front in May, 1864. The regiment spent a month in the entrenchments at Washington and reached Deep Bottom Bridge, June 14, 1864, taking up his position at Fort Waltham in the trenches in front of Petersburg. They had destroyed six miles of the road when they were attacked by General Mahone's division and after a hotly contested fight were forced to withdraw. Captain Avery contracted "chickahominy" fever on an expedition under General Gilman Marston for the relief of a foraging expedition operating in the peninsula in July, and from that disease died in the hospital on the receiving ship, Matilda, off Bermuda Hundred, Virginia, August 2, 1864. He gave his life for his country, never faltering in his loyalty to the flag and the cause it represented, and he realized that when he went a second time to the front he was facing dangers and perhaps death, but he never faltered in the performance of his duty. His name is now enrolled among the brave soldiers that Richland county furnished to the war and his memory will ever be honored here.

To his family Captain Avery was a most devoted husband and father. On the 15th of October, 1861, he had wedded Miss Mary Diantha Tracy, who was born at Huron, Ohio, January 12, 1839. She was a daughter of Judge

Josiah Tracy, the eldest son of Josiah Tracy, Sr. His birth occurred in Franklin, Connecticut, October 1, 1796, and he was married August 18, 1824, to Diantha Lathrop, who was born about 1802 and was a daughter of Eleazor Lathrop, of Connecticut, who became one of the earliest settlers of Sherburne, New York. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Tracy were born the following named children: Lathrop J., Eunice N., Frederick E., Ruth M., Sarah P., Mrs. Mary D. Avery and Frances. Mrs. Avery is the only one of the family now living. Judge Josiah Tracy settled at Painesville, Ohio, and was engaged in merchandising there with his brother, who was a colonel of the state militia. In 1832 he moved to Vermilion, Ohio, and became identified with business interests of that locality as superintendent of the Huron Iron Works. About 1835 he removed to Huron, Ohio, where he engaged in the commission business. He was also mayor, justice of the peace, state senator and one of the judges of Erie county. The official positions to which he was called indicate most clearly the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens. He was a man well fitted for leadership and he left the impress of his individuality for good upon the community in which he lived. He took an active interest in all public affairs and at all times stood for progress and improvement, whether in business, social or political life. In 1840 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died at Huron on the 22d of April of that year. In 1847 he removed to Mansfield, where his last days were passed, and Richland county regarded him as one of its most prominent and respected citizens. Here death came to him on the 11th of January, 1857, and at his request his remains were taken to Huron, Ohio, for interment and placed by the side of his wife.

As stated, their daughter, Mary Diantha, became the wife of Rufus L. Avery and unto them was born a daughter, Sarah Lord Avery, on the 18th of March, 1863. On the 27th of June, 1888, she became the wife of Rev. Alfred Chapman Hand. Their only son was born at Cannes, France, April 27, 1889, and is now a student in Amherst College. Mrs. Mary Diantha Avery still makes her home in Mansfield, where she has many friends, being held in the highest esteem by all who know her.

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#### HENRY WEBER.

Henry Weber, of the Renner & Weber Brewing Company, is one of the prominent citizens and leading business men of Mansfield. He is a native of Germany, born in Schillingstadt, Baden, on the 27th of March, 1835, and is a son of Henry Weber, a brewer at that place, as was also his grandfather, John Philip Weber. The brewery they conducted there had a capacity of only ten barrels per day and only brewed in the winter time, not having ice machines as they do now, while in the summer months they made weis beer.

Mr. Weber of this review was educated in the public schools of his native town and at an early age began work in the brewery which had belonged

to his father, who died when our subject was only six months old. An uncle then took charge of the business, the entire family being brewers, and under his supervision Henry Weber learned the trade. In 1859 he came alone to America and for one year was in the employ of Eberhardt's Brewery at Allegheny, Pennsylvania. At the end of that time he removed to Mansfield, Ohio, and entered the service of Frank & Eberle, for whom he worked two years, and in the fall of 1862 secured employment in the B. Fox Brewery at Sandusky. The following year he went to Bucyrus, Ohio, to become foreman for George Donnenwirth & Son, who had just commenced the manufacture of lager beer.

After one year spent at that place, Mr. Weber returned to Mansfield and rented a half interest of Joseph Leuthner in the brewing business of Leuthner & Schmutzler. In 1866 this arrangement ceased and he formed a partnership with Martin Frank and they conducted what was known as the Union Brewery, under the firm name of Frank & Weber, now Frank & Son. This connection continued until October, 1883, when Mr. Weber purchased the interest of Theodore Aberle in the brewing firm of Reiman & Aberle, conducting a brewery which was established in Mansfield in 1855, and the firm name became Reiman & Weber. The capacity of their plant was then thirty barrels per day. In 1884 George J. Renner purchased Mr. Reiman's interest, and the firm name was changed to Renner & Weber. From that date great improvements were made in the buildings and machinery. The officers of the company were George J. Renner, president; Henry Weber, vice president; and John Weaver, secretary and treasurer. In 1900 they erected a large new building and at various times since then have installed modern machinery, a refrigerator plant, etc., and the capacity is now one hundred and fifty barrels per day. In 1888 Mr. Renner removed to Akron, where he purchased a brewery, and since that time Mr. Weber has been the resident head of the firm. The name of the plant was changed to the Eagle Brewery some time previous to his becoming a member of the firm and it is still known by that name. The business was incorporated in 1901 under the name of the Renner & Weber Brewing Company, with a capital of forty thousand dollars. Their Red Band beer has won a wide reputation throughout this section of the state, as has also their Eagle Export bottled beer, and the former is now the leading beer of Mansfield. Mr. Weber has not confined his attention alone to the brewing business, but is interested to a considerable extent in Mansfield real estate, owning some good property, including his own nice home on North Franklin avenue.

On the 2d of May, 1863, at Sandusky, Ohio, Mr. Weber was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Heiser, a daughter of Rudolph Heiser, of Schwenheim, Rhein-Pfalz, Germany. She came to the United States with a sister in 1860, at the age of twenty-four years, and located in Mansfield, but later removed to Sandusky, where they were married and began their domestic life. They have six children, namely: Henry, Jr., now a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota; Adolph, who is conducting a saloon at Shelby, Ohio; Julius, who is connector for the Renner & Weber Brewing Company and is proprietor of the Crystal Ice plant of Mansfield; Philipina, the wife of Ernst

Reinewald, foreman of the Crystal Ice plant; and Ida and Julia B., both at home.

In his political views Mr. Weber is a democrat, but is not strictly partisan, voting for the men whom he believes best qualified for office even at national elections. He has been offered official position, but has always declined to serve as his own business interests claim his entire time and attention. He is a member of Richland Lodge, No. 161, I. O. O. F.; Mohican Encampment, No. 13; the Mansfield Liedertaffel; and the old German Pioneer Society, in all of which orders he has held office. Religiously he is a member of the German Brethren, he and his family all belonging to St. John's church. He is a man of fine physique and, although seventy-three years of age, his hair is still untouched by gray and he has the vigor and strength of most men of forty. In everything he has been eminently practical and this has been manifest not only in his business undertakings but also in his private life. Social and genial by nature, he makes many friends and he is held in the highest esteem by all with whom he comes in contact.

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#### JOHN WATSON.

John Watson, a successful agriculturist, was born on the farm on which he now resides on section 19, Jefferson township, the date of his birth being January 23, 1847. His parents, Levi and Sarah Ann (Daugherty) Watson, were natives of Pennsylvania and removed to Richland county in 1845, purchasing the farm on which our subject now makes his home. Their family numbered four children, as follows: Eliza Jane, the widow of D. L. Young, of Jefferson township; Sarah Ann, the widow of T. Love, who resides in Michigan; John, of this review; and Levi, of Jefferson township. The father voted for Abraham Lincoln, but afterward gave his political allegiance to the democracy. He was killed by a horse power machine on the 9th of December, 1873, his wife passing away February 18, 1874.

John Watson remained on the home farm until the time of his father's death, supplementing his preliminary education by a course in the high school of Bellville. Subsequently he was engaged in teaching school for eighteen terms, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He now owns a half interest in two hundred and nineteen and a half acres of land on section 19, Jefferson township, and is meeting with a well merited measure of prosperity in the conduct of his farming interests, being recognized as one of the substantial and enterprising agriculturists of the community.

On the 30th of March, 1880, occurred the marriage of John Watson and Miss Eleanora Garber, a daughter of Jehu L. Garber, who is mentioned on another page of this work. Their union has been blessed with two children: Zola May, a graduate of Western Reserve and now teaching in the high school at Shelby, and Clara Edith, a teacher for some three years, but is now attending the normal school at Athens.

In his political views Mr. Watson is a stalwart democrat, and has served on the school board for two years. He is a public-spirited citizen whose aid and influence can always be counted upon in the promotion of any movement or measure calculated to advance the best interests of his native county.

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### JOHN MOFFETT.

John Moffett is a retired farmer and mechanic now residing in the village of Lucas, but for many years he was closely associated with industrial and agricultural interests and through the capable direction of his business affairs won the success which now enables him to rest from further strenuous labor. A native of Richland county, he was born in Monroe township on the 14th of November, 1844. His father, Samuel Moffett, was a native of New Jersey and came to Richland county about 1838, settling in Monroe township, where he followed farming for a time, but later took up his abode in Lucas, where he engaged in blacksmithing until his death in 1871. He was buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery, having been a devoted member of living: John, of this review; and Frederick S., who is now living retired in Chicago.

John Moffett was educated in the common schools of Lucas and assisted his father in the blacksmith shop until October 26, 1861, when, at the early Sixty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Three years later he was discharged age of seventeen years, he responded to the call for troops to aid in crushing out the rebellion in the south and was enrolled as a member of Company E, by reason of the expiration of his term of service, having followed the forces of the Army of the Cumberland, save for the last sixteen months of service, when he acted as orderly to General Harker and his staff.

Returning to Lucas, Mr. Moffett found general conditions in the village very bad. Many of the men were at the front and those who remained did not seem to have ambition and energy enough to keep things in progressive condition. Grass had grown in the middle of the streets and there were various other evidences of neglect. After a week spent at home, Mr. Moffett returned to the army as a civilian employe, acting as clerk for Captain Burns, who had charge of transportation, with headquarters at Nashville, Tennessee. When General Hood besieged Nashville, the Union army was short of enlisted men and they mobilized a company consisting chiefly of civilian employes. On account of his previous military experience, training and general efficiency, Mr. Moffett was chosen second lieutenant and for a time was in charge of the company, although he was never commissioned captain. He that order. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rebecca Switzer, died in 1848. There were five children in their family, of whom two are now was out the second time for nine months, and when he was again honorably discharged he returned to Lucas and took up the trade of blacksmithing.

Four of the Moffett brothers were in the Civil war, although John Moffett was but seventeen years of age when he enlisted; his brothers, Fred and

David, were still younger. When the war was over John Moffett carried on blacksmithing in Lucas, continuing the business until 1869, when he removed to Clay county, Kansas, where he purchased a quarter section of land. There, in connection with work at his trade, he also followed farming for three years, on the expiration of which period he traded his land for a farm in Monroe township, Richland county, and took up his abode thereon. For six years he continued its cultivation and then once more returned to Lucas, where he opened a blacksmith shop. He retained ownership of the farm, however, until recent years, when he sold it to his youngest son. He still remains an active man, and, although he has given up horseshoeing, he is still proprietor of quite an extensive establishment, owning his own building, stock and equipment, and from this he derives a good rental. He is also owner of a nice residence in the village, and altogether has been a prosperous man, winning success as the years have passed by.

In 1867 Mr. Moffett was married to Miss Susan Ford, a resident of Richland county, and unto them have been born five children: E. A. is now the owner of the farm in Madison township formerly owned by his father. Lloyd enlisted in the infantry for service in the late war with Spain, but on account of his early electrical training he was transferred to the signal corps and served for three years in the Philippine Islands. He returned home with impaired health and will never again be a strong man, this being another instance of a brave boy who has practically given his life to the flag. Wilma, the next member of the family, is deceased. Sidney S., who served for three years with the coast artillery, lived to return home, but was killed in a railroad accident while acting as brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad. Nettie, the youngest, is also deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Moffett hold membership in the English church. He is a republican in politics, stalwart in support of the party, has been township trustee and has served on the school board for the past twenty years. He belongs to the Grand Army post at Lucas, was its first quartermaster, and, with the exception of a period spent in Kansas, has continued to fill that position. His life has ever been free from ostentation or display, but those who know him recognize the fact that he has always been faithful to duty, whether on the tented fields of the south, in office, or in the discharge of the duties that have come to him in the relations of private life. He therefore commands and receives the respect which is everywhere accorded genuine worth.

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#### DAVID GANO.

David Gano is numbered among the prosperous and progressive farmers and stock-raisers of Richland county, owning and operating a valuable tract of land comprising two hundred acres, situated on section 15, Perry township. He is also filling the office of justice of the peace and in this connection is well known. Mr. Gano was born in Delaware county, Ohio, February

27, 1848, a son of Elijah and Chloe (Stevens) Gano. The father was born in the Buckeye state in 1820 and died in 1899, at the age of seventy-nine years, while the mother, who was born in New York in 1823, died in 1888. Their union was blessed with five children, namely: Amanda, the wife of Dr. Pierce, of Sparta, this state; David, of this review; Lorenzo, who is deceased; Anna E., who has also passed away; and Ora Zabie, the wife of Bemus Scott, of Knox county, Ohio.

David Gano was reared under the parental roof and was educated in the common schools near his father's home. He remained at home until he reached years of maturity, having in the meantime assisted in the operation of the home place. He started upon his business career by renting his father's farm, which he cultivated for twenty years, during which time he met with success. At the end of that period he purchased one hundred acres of land, situated in Union county, and there took up his abode. After three years' residence in Union county he sold his property and purchased the farm on section 15, Perry township, Richland county, which has since been his place of residence. This property embraces two hundred acres and is now in a high state of cultivation. Mr. Gano has improved his farm with a good residence and substantial outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, while his land has been drained and fenced, so that the soil yields abundant harvest as a reward for the care and labor he bestows upon it. In addition to carrying on general agricultural pursuits, he is also engaged in raising and breeding blooded stock, and this branch of his business is proving a profitable source of revenue to him.

It was in 1876 that Mr. Gano established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Lydia A. Huntsman, who was born in Morrow county, this state, in 1851, a daughter of William and Catharine Huntsman. The father was born in Perry township in 1817 and died in 1901, at the advanced age of eighty-four years, while the mother was a native of the Keystone state and passed away in 1858. Their family numbered six children, as follows: Theodore, who has passed away; Nancy J., the wife of J. W. Thuma, of Morrow county, Ohio; Mary E., the deceased wife of George Hiskey; Clarissa, deceased; Lydia A., now Mrs. Gano; and Minerva, the wife of C. Hall, a resident of Mansfield, this state.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Gano has been blessed with three daughters and one son, namely: Cora E., the wife of Guy Sipe, a resident of Perry township; Chloe, who is deceased; Harry B., at home; and Mary, also deceased. Politically Mr. Gano is a republican and for three years served as supervisor, while at the present writing he is filling the office of justice of the peace, in which connection he is rendering decisions that are fair and impartial to all. His fraternal relations are with I. O. O. F. lodge, at Johnsville, while both he and his wife are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. He is a man to whom has been entrusted important public service and over whose record there falls no shadow of wrong nor suspicion of evil. His unbending integrity of character, his fearlessness in the discharge of his duties and his appreciation of the responsibilities that rest upon him are such as to make him a most acceptable incumbent in the office which he is

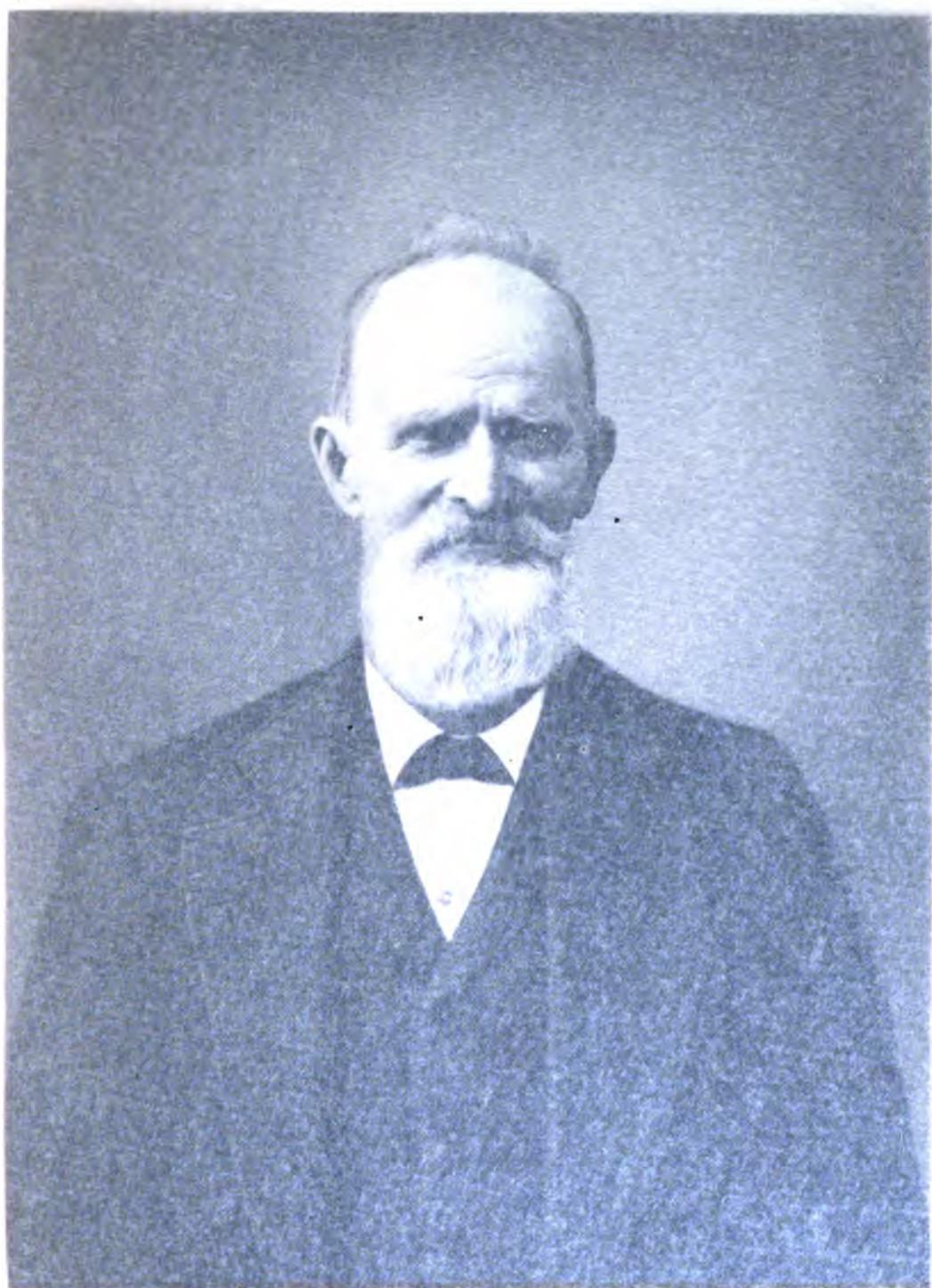
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#### MRS. ELIZA J. YOUNG.

Mrs. Eliza J. Young is residing on section 21, Jefferson township, where she owns and cultivates one hundred and forty acres of land. She also has other farm property in the county and real estate in Bellville. She was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and came to Richland county, Ohio, in 1845 with her parents, Levi and Sarah Watson. On leaving the Keystone State her father became identified with the farming interests of Ohio, purchasing a tract of land in Richland county, which he converted into a well improved and highly cultivated property. Extended mention of his life is made on another page of this work.

Mrs. Young spent her girlhood days under the parental roof upon the home farm in this county and is indebted to the public-school system for the educational privileges which she enjoyed. She was also trained to the work of the household, so that she was well qualified to take charge of a home of her own at the time of her marriage. On the 29th of July, 1879, she became the wife of David L. Young, who was born in Jefferson township, Richland county, March 31, 1824, and was a son of John and Susan Young, who were natives of Pennsylvania but came to Ohio in early life and cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers of this part of the state. Their son David was one of a family of six children. He was reared to farm life and always carried on general agricultural pursuits. The methods of farming, however, changed greatly during his life. For many centuries there had been little progress made in the manner of carrying on the farm. The tiller of the soil still walked across the fields behind his plow, guiding the share as it turned the furrows, and the seed was dropped by hand and covered with a hoe. The grain was cut with the scythe and bound by hand and the methods of threshing were also primitive as compared with those in use at the present time. As changes were gradually brought about in the methods of farming, Mr. Young kept in touch with the general advancement and was recognized as one of the wide-awake and progressive agriculturists of the community. He related many interesting incidents of the early days when Richland county was a pioneer district, giving little promise of rapid future development. The soil was largely uncultivated and many acres were yet covered with the native forest. Evidences of Indian residence here were yet seen and various kinds of wild beasts roamed through the woods, while wild game could be had in abundance and furnished many a meal for the early settlers. The meals were largely prepared in kettles which swung from the crane over the fireplace, while other food products were baked in skillets placed amid the hot coals. In his boyhood days even kerosene was not in use, the houses being lighted by candles, while much of the clothing for the family was made of



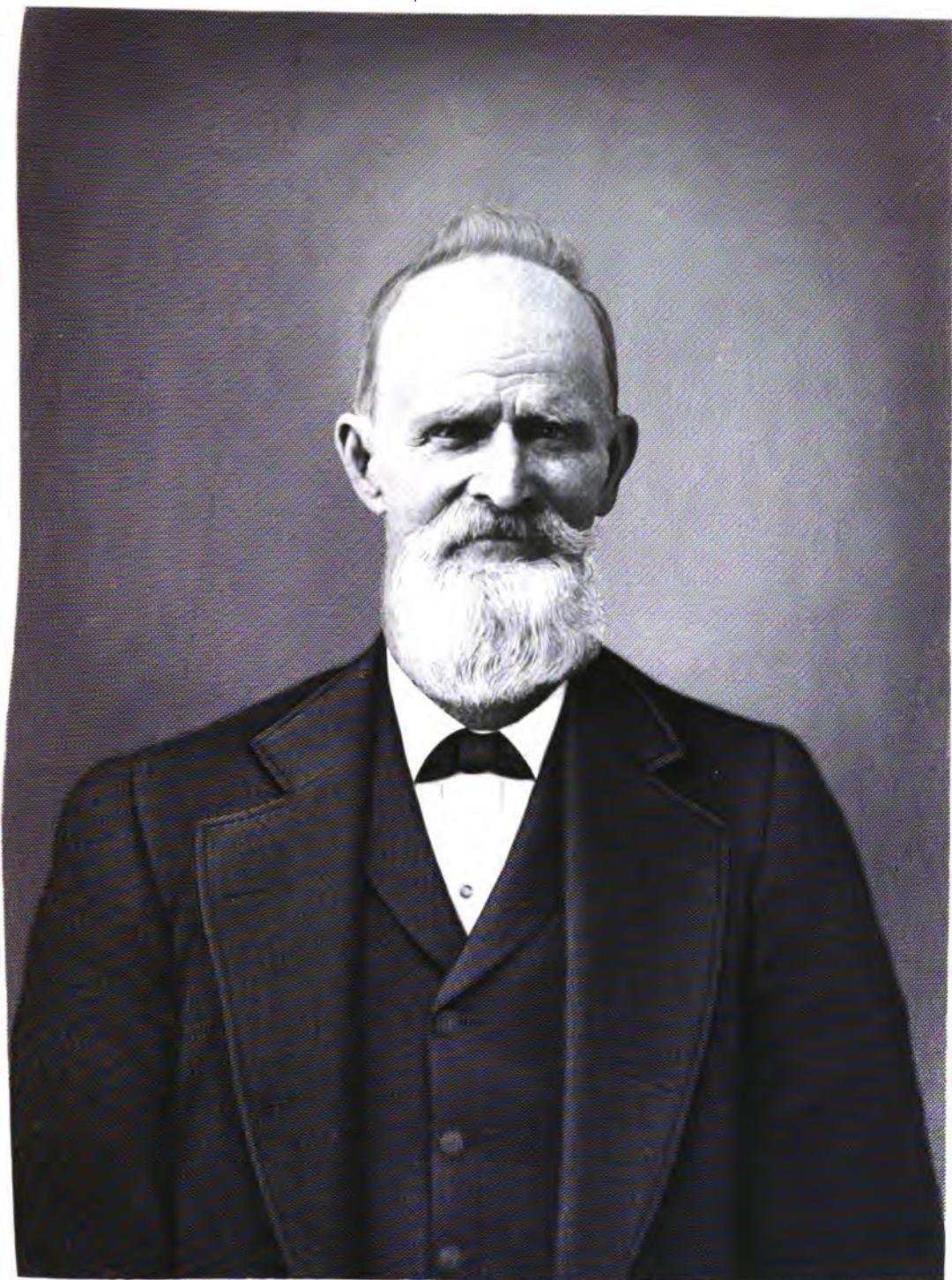
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homespun goods. Mr. Young related in interesting manner many incidents of those early days when the settlers had to depend upon what they raised for nearly everything they had. It was a period when hospitality, however, found place in almost every home and when good cheer characterized all social gatherings. As the years passed Mr. Young carried on the farm work, the only interruption to his agricultural pursuits being when he served in the Civil war for one hundred days. In matters of citizenship he was always faithful and progressive.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Young was born one son, Levi, who is now living in Jefferson township. The death of Mr. Young occurred April 17, 1907, when he had reached the ripe old age of eighty-three years. Mrs. Young still survives her husband and is now the owner of a valuable farm property of one hundred and forty acres on section 21, Jefferson township. She also has one hundred and eleven acres on section 19 of the same township and she owns a dwelling and six lots in Bellville. Her farms are always kept in good condition and from her property she derives a gratifying annual income. To its development she personally gives her supervision and keeps in touch with her business affairs, displaying keen discrimination and sound judgment in the control of her agricultural interests. She is widely known in the county where almost her entire life has been passed and has always displayed those traits of character which win kindly regard in every land and clime.

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#### WILLIAM ADRAIN.

William Adrain, deceased, was born at the old family homestead, four and one-half miles west of Mansfield, December 20, 1831. His grandfather, Robert Adrain, LL.D., was born in Carrickfergus, Ireland, September 30, 1775. The great-grandfather was a native of France, who, together with his two brothers, left that country after the revocation of the edict of Nantes and settled in the northern part of Ireland. Their occupation while in their own country was the making of mathematical instruments. Among various means of support in Ireland they engaged in teaching school throughout the country, but subsequently the father of Robert sailed a small vessel from the north of Ireland to the neighboring islands.

He was known as a man of great wit and an excellent conversationalist. Discovering in his son Robert, who was the eldest of five children, unusual and early development of wit and brilliancy, he determined to use every effort to educate him with a view to the ministry. A remarkable aptitude for learning made the boy a great favorite with his instructors, but at the age of fifteen he had the misfortune to lose both his father and mother, which terminated his career as a student. As a means of livelihood he immediately opened a school at Ballyclare and it was while teaching at this place that he first manifested his unusual powers as a mathematician. He happened one day to be looking through an old arithmetic which contained the algebraic symbols, the meaning of which he knew nothing. Being of a mathematical turn of mind,

however, he gave himself no rest until he had thoroughly mastered the study and in a short time was able to solve and explain any problem in arithmetic by algebra. Thus the first step of this youthful genius in mathematical science was made by his own unaided efforts, and he henceforth devoted himself enthusiastically and untiringly to its further mastery and pursuit.

He became so successful as a teacher that a Mr. Mortimer, a man of great wealth and influence in the town of Cumber, engaged him as private instructor for his children. This gentleman treated him as one of the family and everything was very pleasant and homelike, but the trend of circumstances soon changed this peaceful existence. The Irish rebellion broke out in 1798 and Mr. Mortimer, who was an officer of the government, was engaged in taking the oath of allegiance from all those whom it was thought might be in sympathy with the uprising. Having not the least fear that Mr. Adrain was on the side of the degraded rebels, as he called them, he had omitted to make him give his oath of allegiance. However, on learning that Mr. Adrain was at the head of a company and had been drilling for some time, he became much enraged and immediately sent out details of men in all directions, offering fifty pounds for his capture. While preparations were being made for the battle of Saintfield, which took place the next day, Mr. Mortimer was seriously wounded and Mr. Adrain also received a dangerous wound in the back from one of his own men.

As there were no hopes of the latter's recovery, the search for him was abandoned, and after much suffering and many miraculous escapes, he assumed the garb of a weaver and made his way to America. The yellow fever was prevalent in New York city upon his arrival and on hearing that employment as a teacher could be obtained in New Jersey, he lost no time in crossing the Hudson. Walking the entire distance to Princeton in search of a situation, he was at once engaged in the academy at that place, which was the beginning of his successful career in this land of republican institutions. He remained at Princeton for about three years, when he removed to York, Pennsylvania, and became the principal of York County Academy. While there he wrote many instructive articles for the Mathematical Correspondent, a paper published by George Baron. He remained at York until 1805, when he removed to Reading, Pennsylvania, taking charge of the academy there. While in Reading he published a mathematical periodical of his own called "The Analyst," which he conducted for several years with great success.

Mr. Adrain discovered the true and correct rule, which was adopted, for correcting the dead reckoning at sea. In the year 1810 he was called to the professorship of mathematics at Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey, and soon after his engagement there the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him. In 1812 he was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society, in the following year becoming a member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and subsequently was elected a member of several of the philosophical societies of Europe. In the fall of 1813 Dr. Adrain, without solicitation on his part, was elected to supply the place of Dr. Kemp, deceased, as professor of mathematics and natural philosophy in Columbia College, New York, and this position he held until 1825, when he resigned on account of

his wife's health. They went back to Rutgers College, where they could get more of the country life and air, and there Dr. Adrain remained throughout the remainder of his earthly pilgrimage. When he was called to his final rest in 1844 it was universally acknowledged that the world had lost one of its brightest self-made scholars.

John Adrain, the father of William Adrain, was a native of New York city and came to Richland county in 1816, settling in Springfield township, four miles west of Mansfield. He afterward took up his abode in Madison township, and with the exception of one year spent in New York, he lived in this neighborhood for sixty-seven years, the last three of which were spent in Mansfield. His family numbered ten children, of whom four are still living. His demise occurred June 5, 1883, when he had attained the age of eighty-two years, three months and sixteen days, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. A. Boughton, on West Fourth street. He was a highly respected and upright man and a member of the United Presbyterian church.

William Adrain spent the days of his boyhood and youth on the home farm and obtained his education in the district school. When still quite young he came to Mansfield and clerked in the clothing store of M. L. Miller, being subsequently employed by Dickson & Byrd, grocers. He also worked for James and Victor Dickson and afterward embarked in the grocery business with Victor Dickson, which partnership continued for some time. On its dissolution Mr. Adrain associated himself with Wilbur Finney for the conduct of a grocery enterprise, this connection continuing for several years. He was engaged in that line of activity altogether for twenty-five years and was well known throughout the county as a man of excellent business ability, whose success was well merited.

On the 3d of December, 1868, at Findlay, Ohio, William Adrain was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Howard. Her grandparents, John and Abigail Howard, came to Richland county in the year 1815. Their son, Captain Samuel Howard, the father of Mrs. Adrain, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, December 7, 1814, and grew to young manhood in Ohio, acquiring his education in the schools of that early day. When nineteen years of age he accompanied his parents on their removal to Hancock county and assisted in establishing a home on the frontier. They settled on eighty acres of land in Portage township, which the father had entered July 17, 1833.

Samuel Howard borrowed fifty dollars from his father and entered forty acres in his own name, promising to keep the family in provisions for one year in payment of his debt. This promise he faithfully fulfilled, though it cost him many a hard day's work and many nights devoted to search for game. He paid sixteen dollars per barrel for flour and a dollar and a half per bushel for corn. When he began life as a married man he had, in addition to his forty acres of land, a good wife, a robust constitution and much energy. His upright character made him much respected and his honesty was never questioned by either friend or foe, his fellow townsmen showing their confidence in him by calling him to public office. He was elected justice of the peace and later was made treasurer of Hancock county, being reelected to that position

in 1852. When the Civil war broke out he was one of the first to respond to the call for troops and, although more than forty years of age, he recruited a company in August, 1862, with the assistance of others. It was assigned to the One Hundred and Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and was known as Company G, of which he was captain. After the battle of Moss Creek he had the misfortune to break his leg and resigned in April, 1864, being unfit for further duty. He was again elected to the office of county treasurer of Hancock county in 1878 and once more filled the position in 1880. He subscribed one thousand dollars for the erection of the new Methodist Episcopal church at Findlay, and when the time of payment came he made it twelve hundred dollars. It was therefore called the Howard church. He was a devout Christian and a man of broad humanitarian spirit, who made friends of all with whom he came in contact. His death, which occurred at his home in Findlay, Ohio, March 13, 1888, when he had attained the age of seventy-three years and four months, was the occasion of deep and sincere regret. Fraternally he was connected with the Masons and the Odd Fellows and in politics was a democrat. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Howard, was a native of Guernsey county, Pennsylvania, and passed away January 21, 1901, at the age of eighty-six years.

Lizzie Bell Adrain, the only child and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Adrain, was graduated from the Mansfield schools in 1890, and in 1892 gave her hand in marriage to Frank Henry Marquis. The three children who have been born of this union are Edith Arline, William Taylor and Joseph Howard Marquis. Mr. Marquis is assistant cashier in the Mansfield Savings Bank, of which Mr. Brinkerhoff is president. Although still a young man, he has already demonstrated his ability and worth and undoubtedly has a bright future before him. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. He is likewise a very prominent and active member of the Masonic fraternity. Mrs. Marquis is especially talented as a vocalist and for several years was the leading soprano in the church choir to which she belonged.

William Adrain was a democrat in his political views, while in religious belief he was a Methodist. His fraternal relations were with Venus Lodge, No. 152, F. & A. M., and in his life he exemplified the teachings of the craft. He was essentially a man of domestic tastes, devoted to his family, so that his death, which occurred September 10, 1901, came as a great blow in the home circle. He had rounded out the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten and throughout his entire life had so lived as to win the admiration and respect of all with whom he was associated in business or social relations.

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#### HON. JAY FORD LANING.

Jay Ford Laning, a member of congress from the fourteenth Ohio district, was born at New London, Ohio, May 15, 1853, and was educated at Savannah Academy and Baldwin University. He began life as a laborer, became a school teacher and later a lawyer. He was the manager of the

Laning Book Publishing House at Norwalk, Huron county, being the founder of the business, in which he built up a large trade. He has also been an author, having written a number of historical books; also law and school books.

In 1893 Mr. Laning was elected to the Ohio senate, where he took high rank as a legislator, and was reelected in 1895. In 1896 he was elected to congress from the fourteenth district and during the first session of that congress Mr. Laning secured an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars for the erection of a federal building in Mansfield. Other congressmen talked of securing an appropriation for a building, but never succeeded in getting it, but Mr. Laning got it without the blowing of trumpets or the playing of bands, and the people of Mansfield appreciate what he has done for them.

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#### HORATIO WITT.

Horatio Witt, who is now living retired in Olivesburg, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, March 16, 1815, his parents being George and Sarah (Schultz) Witt, both natives of the east, the mother's birth having occurred in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, where she also celebrated her marriage. In the fall of 1837 George Witt and his wife journeyed by wagon to Wayne county, Ohio, where they remained for two years and then took up their abode in Knox county. The father was a carpenter by trade, but after locating in Knox county he gave his attention to general agricultural pursuits until called to his final rest in 1864, when almost seventy years of age. His wife's death also occurred on the farm in Knox county when she had attained the age of over sixty years. Of their family of thirteen children only three survive, namely: Horatio, of this review; Mrs. Rebecca Burris, of Rochester, New York; and Henry, residing in Kansas.

Horatio Witt acquired but a limited education in the schools of his native state, and in the spring of 1837 came to Ohio, locating at Jackson, where he followed the carpenter's trade, which he had learned under the supervision of his father. In 1839 he returned to Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and thence removed to Fort Cumberland, Maryland. In 1840 he once more came to this state, locating in Knox county, while in 1843 he took up his abode in Rome, Richland county, where for thirty-five years he successfully followed his trade. After the death of his wife he lived retired in Mansfield for nine years, and for the past two years has made his home in Olivesburg. He owns eighty acres of land near Rome, and is one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of the community. He also has a creditable military record, having enlisted on the 27th of August, 1862, as a member of Company E, Third Ohio Cavalry, and a company of the Army of the Cumberland. He was honorably discharged in June, 1865.

In Bedford county, Pennsylvania, on the 10th of February, 1840, Mr. Witt was united in marriage to Mrs. Elizabeth Devoe Baker, who was born in

that county in 1807, and who died September 26, 1886. She had three children by her first marriage and two by her second, named Lesley Levi and Sarah E., both of whom are deceased.

In his political views Mr. Witt was originally a whig and cast his first ballot for Garrison, but since the organization of the republican party has been a strong supporter of its principles, and while a resident of Rome he capably served his fellow townsmen in the position of supervisor for two years. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and his social interests are centered in the G. A. R., he being a member of the Mansfield (Ohio) post. Having made his home in this county for almost two-thirds of a century, he is largely familiar with its annals from a pioneer period down to the present time and still takes an active interest in its development along many lines. Though he has passed the ninety-third milestone on life's journey, he has the appearance of a much younger man, retaining all his faculties unimpaired and is able to enjoy a humorous situation with much of the zest of youth.

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#### FRED WALTER.

Fred Walter is now living quietly in honorable retirement from labor in Mansfield, but there have been many interesting and at times thrilling experiences in his life record. Born across the water, he was numbered among the argonauts who sought the Golden Fleece in California and has been identified with mercantile interests for many years in Richland county. He has now reached the venerable age of eighty-two but in spirit and interests seems yet in his prime and is enjoying life amid pleasant surroundings at his home in the county seat. He was born in Huntheim in the grand duchy of Baden, Germany, January 13, 1826, a son of Franz Valtin and Monika (Heimbuecher) Walter. In the summer of 1833 the family left their home at Huntheim and traveled by wagon through France to Havre-de-Grace, where they took passage on the sailing ship, Francis, the first to leave for New York. There they arrived after a voyage of forty-seven days and afterward took passage on a flatboat attached to a stern wheeled steamer for Albany, New York. At that point they boarded a canal-boat for Buffalo, whence they proceeded by steamer to Portland, now Sandusky, Ohio. Their destination was Peru, Huron county, Ohio, and there the father secured a farm, on which Fred Walter worked until September 27, 1845.

On that date he was apprenticed to learn the brewing business at the old city brewery in Mansfield, and when three years later the owners of the brewery sold out to Kraft & Long, Mr. Walter was retained as brewmaster and manager of the brewery at the magnificent salary of eighteen dollars per month and board, working sixteen hours per day. He filled that position until February, 1850, when, attracted by the discovery of gold and the consequent business opportunities offered in California, he organized a company of nine men for a trip across the plains, his associates being Louis Vonhof, Louis Wolfert,

Louis Remy, Louis Grabil, Joseph Luethner, Philip Went, John Matthes and Mr. Roering. On the 19th of February they proceeded over the Sandusky & Mansfield, now the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, to Sandusky and thence over the Mad River Railroad to Cincinnati. They accomplished that part of their journey in twenty-four hours, which was considered fast time for that day. They then proceeded down the river to St. Louis by steamer and up the Mississippi and Missouri rivers to Independence, Missouri, where they outfitted for a trip across the plains, securing two wagons and eight mules.

On the 15th of April they started on their trip of two thousand miles over a wild and unsettled country. They were members of a train consisting of thirteen wagons and forty-five men, but lost one man by drowning in the Green river. After a tedious and dangerous trip through that Indian country, across the hot, sandy deserts and through the mountain passes, they arrived at Hangtown, now Placerville, California, on the 12th of July, finding there a typical mining camp with all the various phases of life represented. There Mr. Walter did his first mining and for two years he continued the search for the precious metal, meeting with but indifferent success. Believing that he might derive greater profit from business interests, he then located at Weaverville, California, where he and a partner put up the first brewery in the northern part of the state. It was primitive in its style of construction, for the partners did most of the work themselves, sawing the necessary lumber by hand, as lumber at that time sold at two hundred and fifty dollars per thousand feet. Their beer kettle held two barrels, as it was impossible to pack a larger one on mule back over the hundred miles of mountain trails to their location. However, they enlarged their kettle by putting on a three-barrel wooden addition, so that they could brew about four barrels of beer. The malt was ground in a handmill and they sold beer for two dollars per gallon, paying nine dollars per bushel for barley and three dollars per pound for hops. The retail dealers sold pony glasses of beer, as they did all other drinks and cigars, at twenty-five cents. The new concern prospered and after three years, in 1855, the partners erected a substantial brick brewery with more modern appliances at a cost of twenty-six thousand dollars.

In 1858 Mr. Walter made a trip by way of the Isthmus route and by steamer to Ohio and was married in Toledo, this state, on the 28th of December of that year, to Miss Mary Wilhelm, of Monroeville, Ohio. They have become the parents of nine children, of whom three sons and five daughters are yet living. A few days after their marriage, on the 1st of January, 1859, Mr. Walter and his bride started for California, again making the trip by way of the water route. He not only continued an active factor in business but was also a prominent man in the community and in affairs of state. In 1860 he was elected to represent his district in the California legislature and while thus serving voted to make the first appropriation for the California state house sitting as a member of the legislature he received a dispatch that his brewery was wrecked by fire. It was a fireproof building on the outside, but inflammable materials were used on the inside and the loss was fifteen thousand dollars, with no insurance. Returning to Weaverville, Mr. Walter arranged to put on a

large force of men to repair damages and in six weeks the brewery was in full operation again.

While continuing a resident of California, Mr. Walter was in 1865 elected state and county tax collector for two years, and as the duties of the office demanded his entire time, he and his partner sold the brewery. They had made a successful venture of this and for a considerable period had enjoyed an extensive and profitable patronage. In 1867 Mr. Walter was nominated by the democracy for state senator but the district was overwhelmingly republican and he lost the election by fifty-six votes. He ran far ahead of his ticket, however, a fact which indicated his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellowmen.

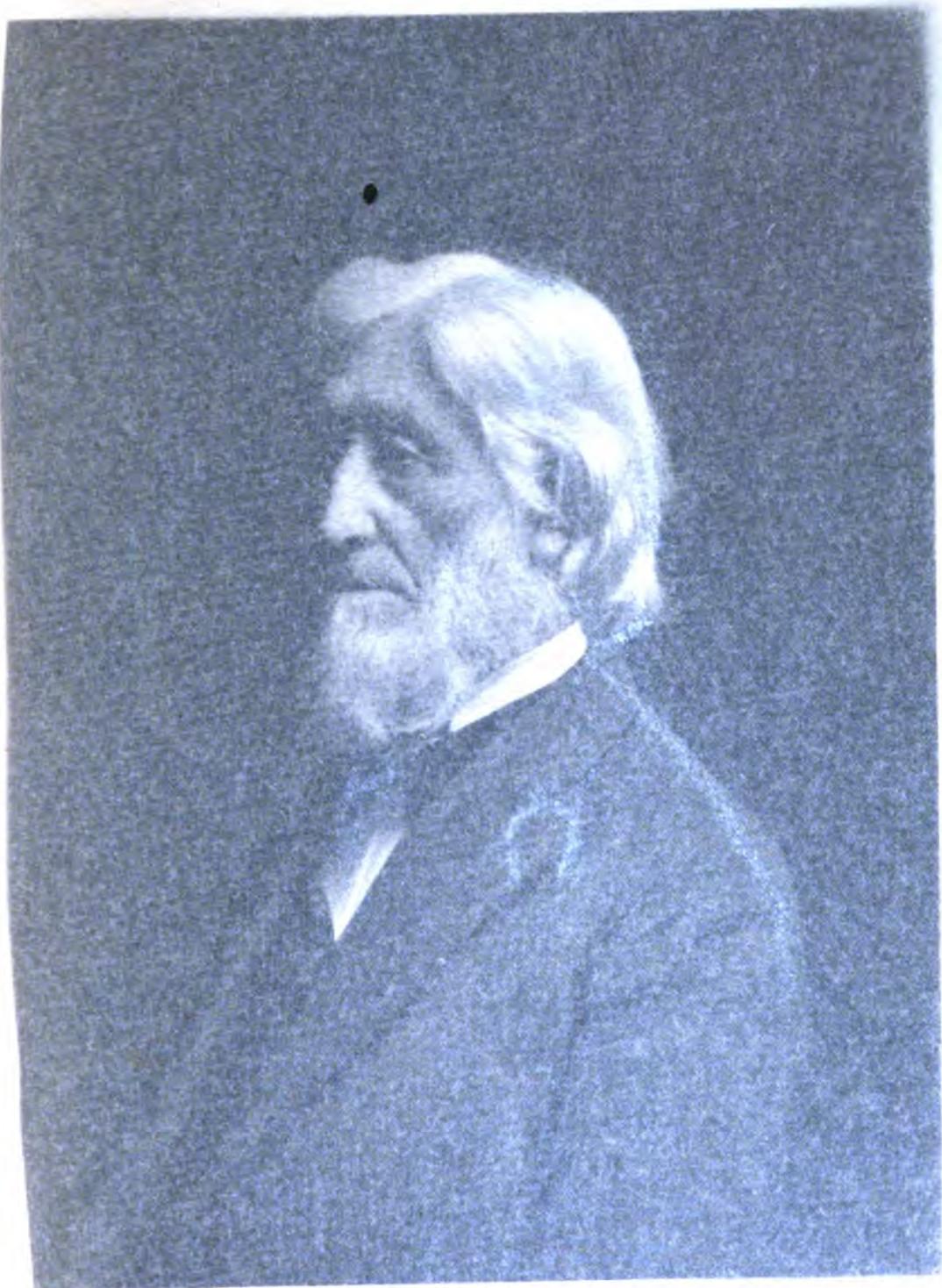
Having disposed of all his business interests in the far west, Mr. Walter returned to Ohio in 1868, his family having preceded him the previous year. For a few months he enjoyed a well merited rest and then engaged in the wholesale grocery business as a member of the firm of Remy, Hedges & Walter. This venture did not prove profitable, however, and was closed out with considerable loss in 1879. Mr. Walter then turned his attention to the wholesale liquor business, which he conducted along profitable lines until 1894, when he turned over the business to his two sons and retired. He is now resting in well earned ease and has reached the age of eighty-two years. His has been a long and active life and wherever he is known he has gained many friends who esteem him for various traits of character which uniformly command respect and regard.

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It is seldom that one attains such a venerable age as has Hiram R. Smith and yet retains his faculties so slightly impaired, for Mr. Smith is now ninety-five years of age, but to converse with him and discuss with him the affairs of the times one would think him much younger. His mind, too, forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present and in the storehouse of his memory are many things that are of interest and value to the historian concerning the early days when Mansfield was a village and the surrounding country was largely an unimproved wilderness. For many years he has lived a retired life, enjoying the fruits of his former toil, yet is still financially interested in a number of different enterprises which have been of material benefit to the town and county.

Hiram R. Smith was born January 7, 1813, his parents being Asa and Hannah (Richmond) Smith, the former a native of Long Island, New York, and the latter of Rhode Island. They were married in the Empire state and made their home in Waterloo, New York, until attracted by the opportunities of the new but growing west, they removed to Huron, Ohio. Travel was not done at that time with long trains of cars propelled by steam, and on their westward way they journeyed on the lakes. Their family numbered seven children, of whom Hiram R. Smith is now the only survivor. He was but



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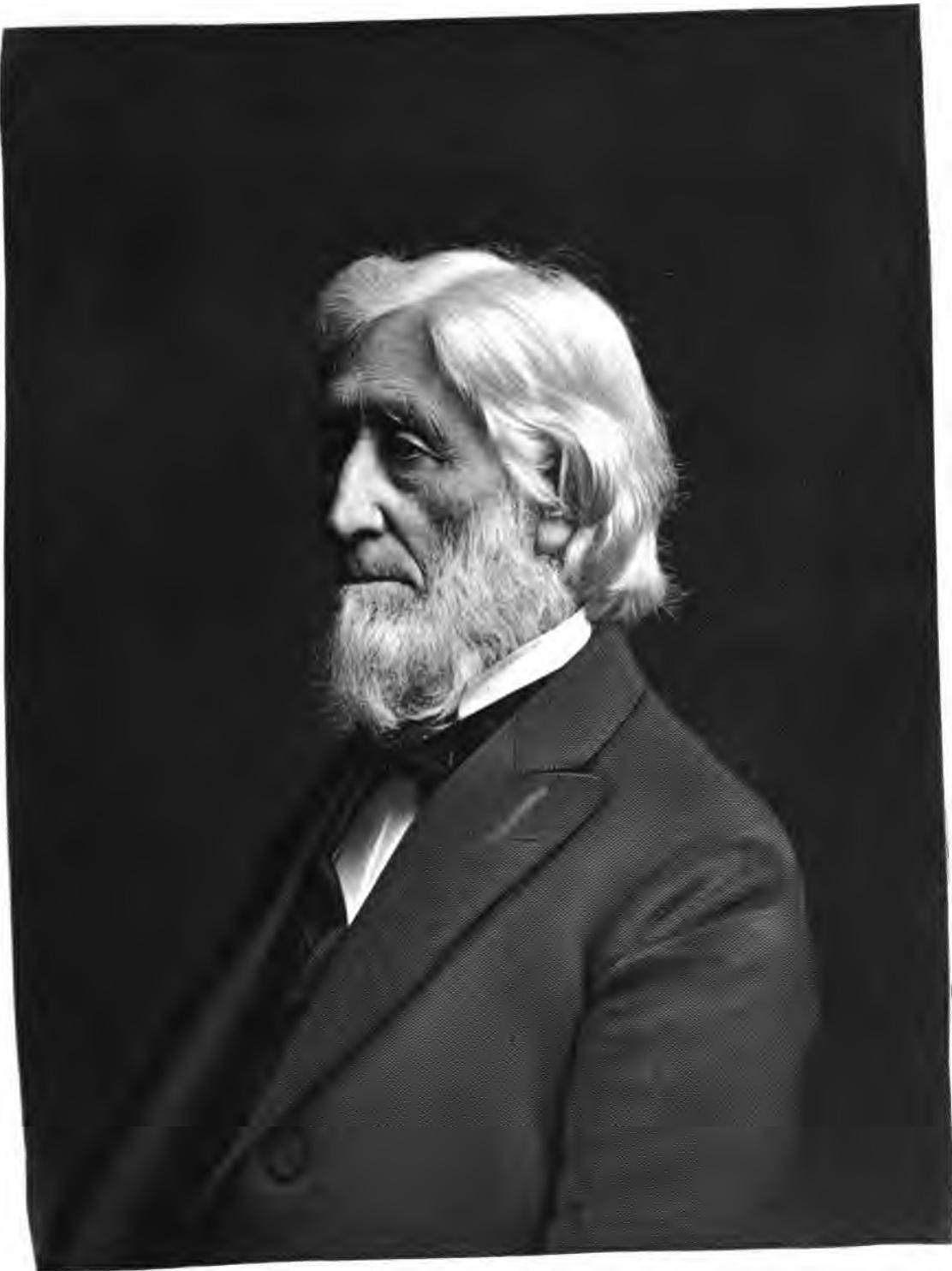
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Mr. H. R. Smith was born January 7, 1816, his parents being Asa and Anna (Harrington) Smith, the former a native of Long Island, New York, and the latter of Rhode Island. They were married in the Empire state and came to Utica, Oneida County, New York, until attracted by the opportunities for a better living west, they removed to Huron, Ohio. Travel was not then as rapid as it is now, and teams of oxen propped by spring, and on their backs the pack horses and saddle bags. Their family numbered seven children, and of these Hiram R. Smith is now the only survivor. He was but



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two years of age when his father died, and later the mother sold the farm, which had been secured in pioneer times, and removed to the city of Sandusky, where she continued until her demise. Most of the family have attained advanced years. One son, William B., died in Sandusky at the age of eighty-three years, after being long and prominently connected with the city. He built the first frame dwelling there and also the first brick residence and it is still standing. He was identified with its business interests as a merchant. Sally became the wife of Silas Dewey and both died in Clyde, Ohio, near Toledo. Nancy became the wife of Amos Fenn, a native of Massachusetts and a prominent early settler, manufacturer and farmer of Clyde, where he served as justice of the peace for thirty years, while both he and his wife resided there until called to the home beyond. Clarissa became the wife of Hugh McFall, one of the first merchants of Mansfield and a citizen prominent in community affairs. Both he and his wife died in Mansfield. Frederick spent his entire life in Sandusky. Susan became the wife of James P. Bowman and lived in Mansfield for many years. She died here, but her husband's death occurred in Bucyrus, Ohio.

At the age of eleven years Hiram R. Smith came to Mansfield, which city has been his home for eighty-four years. His coming antedates that of any other resident, and within his memory Mansfield has developed from a little hamlet to a prosperous city of over twenty-four thousand inhabitants. There is no resident here who has a more comprehensive and accurate knowledge of events which occurred in the early day, for what are to others matters of history have been to him matters of observation or experience. He attended the pioneer schools of Mansfield, his principal instructor being Alexander Barr, a leading educator of his day, and Mr. Smith was also at one time a student under Judge Stewart, the father of Mrs. John Sherman.

Starting out in the business world, Mr. Smith became a clerk in the mercantile establishment owned by his brother-in-law, Mr. McFall, under whom he became deputy postmaster in 1830, and in 1839 he also engaged in merchandising for himself, carrying on the business very successfully until 1870. In the early days he shipped his goods from Philadelphia by team and he has crossed the Allegheny mountains in a canalboat. When he had ceased to engage in merchandising on his own account he began the erection of the Smith block on Main street, and it still continues one of the valuable properties of the city as well as one of the most attractive in its style of architecture. It is four stories in height and seventy by one hundred and eighty feet. Mr. Smith had purchased the lot in 1840, and it has produced regular annual rentals since that time. Various business enterprises have felt the stimulus of his cooperation and sound judgment. He was one of the first directors of the Richland Mutual Insurance Company, and became its president. He is the oldest director in the Farmers National Bank, and was likewise vice president of that institution. He was also a director of the Mansfield Cemetery Association.

In 1839 Mr. Smith was married to Miss Ann C. Leiter, a native of Leitersburg, Maryland, and they became the parents of four children, but all are now deceased save Richmond, who is the secretary and manager of the

Richland Mutual Insurance Company. The death of Mrs. Hiram Smith occurred in 1850 and when four years had passed Mr. Smith wedded Miss Ann Ward, of Richland county, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Ward, who were early settlers of this county. By this union two children were born: Ward, who died in August, 1899, at the age of forty-three years, leaving a wife and two daughters; and Rena, the wife of E. B. Caldwell, a druggist of Mansfield.

In his political views Mr. Smith has always been a democrat, stanchly supporting the party as it has expressed the trend of public thought upon the momentous questions of the day that can be affected through legislation. He has been called upon to serve his city in various official positions and there are many evidences cited of his intense public spirit and helpful attitude toward Mansfield. He was largely instrumental in securing the reformatory here, and when the Children's Home was built, was at the head of the enterprise. He and his family are all members of the Congregational church, and have been generous in its support and active in its work. Mr. Smith has now reached the remarkable old age of ninety-five years, and the greater part of this time has been spent in Mansfield, where he is honored by young and old, rich and poor. His name here has been a synonym of business integrity, of public-spirited citizenship and of progressiveness in all life's relations and as the years have passed he has builded a character which everywhere awakens admiration and esteem.

The following article, concerning pioneer times, was written by Mr. Smith when ninety-five years of age:

Asa Smith and Hannah Richmond Smith, my father and mother, moved from Seneca county, New York, in the spring of 1810, and settled on the banks of Lake Erie at Huron, Ohio, where I was born January 7, 1813. Before and during the war of 1812 the settlers experienced a great many hardships and their lives were in constant danger from the Indians. At the first election in Huron, Ohio, Asa Smith was elected justice of the peace. My father died in 1815.

On the fourth of July, 1824, my sister, Clarissa Smith, was married to Hugh McFall, of Mansfield, and about two months later, in September, of the same year, she had me, her youngest brother, then only eleven years of age, to come to Mansfield and make my home with her.

Mr. McFall was one of the early merchants of Mansfield, and he came here in 1820. He took me into the store to do chores. I went to school in the winter. My teacher was Alexander Barr. The schoolhouse was on the north side of East Fourth street, near the big spring. The boys had to take turns in chopping wood and building fires, and the girls in sweeping in the schoolroom at noon. I finished my education under Judge James Stewart's school on Park avenue West.

In 1828 James Hedges was a member of the Ohio Legislature, and through his influence, Hugh McFall was made a presidential elector for this congressional district. In January, 1829, Hugh McFall went to Columbus and cast his vote for Andrew Jackson for president. Mr. McFall made the trip on horseback, as there were no stages running at that time.

Upon his return he brought a small keg of oysters in his saddle bags—the first oysters ever received in Mansfield. The keg contained about three quarts. We had a good deal of trouble in eating them, as we did not know which end of the oyster to put in our mouths first, but with the assistance of our neighbor we got them all eaten.

Gen. Andrew Jackson was inaugurated president March 4, 1829, and a short time thereafter Hugh McFall received the appointment of postmaster, which he filled during Jackson's two terms.

I was appointed deputy postmaster and had special charge of the office.

In 1830 there had accumulated a surplus of funds in the office of twelve hundred dollars. We received an order from the postoffice department at Washington to deposit the money in the Franklin bank of Columbus. Stages were not yet running.

The money being all in silver, the bulk was both large and heavy. Mr. McFall having been over the road so lately, explained the way to go, and the stopping places. My first stop was Fredericktown, where I got my horse fed and dinner at Abner Ayers' Hotel. From Fredericktown there was a new road cut through to Sunbury in Delaware county, which was very thinly settled. At one place it was five miles between cabins.

The first night I stopped at Mr. Potter's Tavern near the west line of Knox county. Mr. Potter, in taking the saddle bags off the horse remarked, "Young man, this is very heavy." I explained to Mr. Potter the contents, and requested him to put the saddle bags in a safe place. The next morning I started off all right. As the sun was going down I came to a crossroad, and learned from the guide board that it was nine miles to Columbus, and two miles to Worthington. I realized that I could not get to Columbus until late in the night, so I went to Worthington, which was a new town laid out by Colonel Kilbourn, who entertained travelers. When I rode up to the house, Mr. Kilbourn came out and took the saddle bags off the horse. He made the same remark that Mr. Potter had made. When I explained my business to Mr. Kilbourn I was all right. He was a Jackson democrat and knew that Mr. McFall was a presidential elector. He also knew my mother in Sandusky, as he had a brother, Hector Kilbourn, living there and he often visited him. Colonel Kilbourn was the grandfather of James Kilbourn, of Columbus, who ran for governor.

The next morning I rode into Columbus, and made my deposit in the Franklin bank and remained there until the next morning looking around the city and through the first State House built in Columbus.

It stood at the edge of the sidewalk.

I came home by way of Johnstown, from Johnstown through Granville. Newark, Utica, Mt. Vernon and Bellville, home.

The first stage line through Mansfield was established by Marsh & Barney. Mr. Marsh kept the first hotel in Sandusky, and Mr. Barney lived in Mt. Vernon. They ran road wagons with canvas covers and carried all kinds of merchandise and passengers. They ran from Sandusky through Norwalk, New Haven, Mansfield, Mt. Vernon to Delaware and made a round trip once a week. About 1831 Neal & Moore & Co. established a daily line of stages

from Columbus through Mt. Vernon, Mansfield and Norwalk to Sandusky. About two years later a line of stages was established from Pittsburg through New Lisbon, Canton, Wooster to Mansfield and a few years later was extended to Bucyrus.

The old and main line of stages was from Philadelphia through Lancaster, Harrisburg, Carlisle and Bedford to Pittsburg. On the National Road from Baltimore to Wheeling, Columbus and continued on west and from Albany to Buffalo. They ran day and night. The driver carried a way bill with the names of every passenger.

In those days the only mode of travel was by water, stage and horseback. The first steamboat on Lake Erie was called, "Walk in the Water." She was a medium sized boat with a stern wheel.

In those days there were no commercial travelers and we were compelled to go to eastern cities to buy our goods. Such articles as iron, nails and glass we bought in Pittsburg. There were regular teams on this route. John T. Creigh and Jerry Jaques each ran a regular line of big wagons of six horses between Mansfield and Pittsburg and supplied all the towns on their route.

Before the days of canals and railroads I used to take the stage through to Philadelphia and buy our goods and load them in big Pennsylvania wagons, six horses to a wagon and have them hauled to Mansfield. We had to pay from five to six dollars for every 100 pounds. Upon the return trip we would load the wagon with cranberries, ginseng, beeswax, butter, flaxseed and furs.

At that time a great many swamps produced cranberries. There was a large one a short distance west of Plymouth, in this county. Ginseng was in great demand for Chinese trade. There was great difficulty in those days in having freight transported to the west from the eastern cities. New York, to overcome that trouble, built a canal from Albany to Buffalo, connecting the Hudson river with Lake Erie; Philadelphia, to open up a freight line to Pittsburg, built a canal from Harrisburg to Hollidaysburg, on the east side of the mountain, and from Johnstown, on the west side of the mountains to Pittsburg. To make connections between the two canals there was built the Portage Railroad, rails were laid from the bottom of the canal to the top of the mountain on the east side, then down the west side into the canal at Johnstown. Canal boats were placed on trucks in the water, then freighted over the divide by stationary engines. I have sat very comfortably in a canal boat and crossed over the Allegheny mountains.

The first railroad in Pennsylvania was from Philadelphia to Columbia. The first railroad from Baltimore, the B. & O., was built to Elicott's Mills, then we had to take the stage to Wheeling, then continue on to Mansfield. The first railroad in the state of New York was from Albany to Schenectady. There was a stationary engine to haul the cars to the top of the hill at Albany and another to let them down to Schenectady on the bank of the river.

After the opening of the New York canal I would take a steamer at Sandusky to Buffalo, quit the steamer at Buffalo and then take the canal. At Weedsport I would stop and take a hack to Auburn to buy carpenter tools

made at the Auburn penitentiary. Returning to Weedsport I would take the canal to Albany, thence by steamer to New York city.

At one time I took a steamer at Buffalo in the evening. It was in the spring of the year, and the ice was not all out of the lake. In the morning we found the steamer was anchored at the head of Grand Island in Niagara river. During the night a lot of floating ice had carried the boat down the river and we had to remain there until the ice had sufficiently passed to let the boat go up stream. At another time I left Buffalo in the evening for Sandusky. During the night the steamboat encountered a very severe storm. The passengers were all out down in the cabin. They could neither walk nor sit without holding to something. Every article of furniture that was not nailed fast kept rolling from one side of the cabin to the other. After daylight, it was ascertained that the vessel was lying off Erie, Pennsylvania, and it was several hours before the boat could get into port. As soon as the boat reached the dock the passengers all disembarked and procured wagons to take them to Conneaut, from which place the Lake Shore road had just commenced running to Cleveland. The passengers all rejoiced when they got on land. On another trip to New York, in the spring, I took a steamer at Sandusky, we found a large amount of floating ice and the further we went down the lake the more it increased until we got entirely blockaded and could not go any further, and the ice followed the boat. Next morning we found we were about a mile from the Canadian shore and opposite Buffalo. The captain sent two men to the shore to let us know whether it was safe. As soon as they reached the shore they hoisted a flag, all right. Then the passengers gathered up their baggage and started for the shore. The trunks they hauled on the ice with ropes. Then we had to hunt up farmers enough to haul us to the Niagara river, opposite Buffalo.

In 1851 I was going from Boston to New York, and I took the cars to Newport, R. I., at which place I took passage on the steamer Bay State. They left Newport in the evening, and shortly after they got under way, supper was served. My attention was attracted to a family sitting opposite me at the table. The family consisted of father, mother and seven children, four girls and three boys. After supper I got engaged in conversation with the gentleman and learned that he and his wife were natives of Connecticut but had removed to Wisconsin soon after their marriage and that this was the first time they had been back to visit their old home. The boat seemed to be well filled with passengers. About the middle of the night there was a great explosion which awakened all of the passengers. This was followed by cries. I got up as soon as I could to ascertain what had happened and there beheld one of the worst sights I ever saw. There lying on mattresses on the floor were three of the Wisconsin young ladies and two large men. The boiler had exploded beneath their state rooms and scalded them with steam. They covered their faces and hands with sweet oil and flour, and the skin and flour would all roll off together. The captain shot off the rockets to alarm other boats on the Sound to come to our assistance. About daylight there came alongside a boat and took us all on board to New York. On arrival they took the three ladies and the two men direct to the hospital.

The next morning the city papers gave a full account of the disaster and said that the three young ladies from Wisconsin and the two men were dead.

During the year from 1825 to 1835 the Wyandot Indians used to come to Mansfield to do their trading. They made very fine maple sugar and made bark buckets that held about fifty pounds. They would strap them together and put them across their horses and bring the sugar to Mansfield to trade for goods.

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#### BACHUS SETH RUCKMAN.

Bachus Seth Ruckman, who is one of the few remaining veterans of the Civil war and a highly respected citizen of Richland county, is operating a well improved farm of seventy-two acres, situated on section 7, Plymouth township. He is a native son of the township, born on a farm, June 9, 1843. His paternal grandfather, Peter Ruckman, was a native of Virginia and served in the war of 1812, and on his return from the northern part of Ohio camped near Plymouth for three days, and, being pleased with the country, returned and entered three-quarters of a section of land on sections 1, 6, 7 and 12. He spent his remaining days here, passing away in 1821. His wife bore the maiden name of Sarah Lee, a sister of Henry Lee, of Revolutionary fame, and her father was a first cousin of Robert E. Lee. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ruckman numbered eleven children.

The father of our subject, who bore the name of Joshua Ruckman, was born near Romney, in Hampshire county, West Virginia, August 3, 1803. He wedded Mrs. Barbara Pettit, the widow of Merritt Pettit. She bore the maiden name of Rambo and was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1810, and by her marriage to Mr. Pettit became the mother of five children. By her marriage to Mr. Ruckman she became the mother of six children. Both the parents are now deceased, the father passing away in 1879, when he had reached the age of seventy-six years. The mother died several years previously, her demise occurring in 1872, when she was sixty-two years of age.

Bachus S. Ruckman, whose name introduces this review, was reared to the occupation of farming, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He remained under the parental roof until the time of his enlistment in the Civil war. On the 15th of August, 1862, he became a member of the First Ohio Independent Battery, being assigned to duty in the Second Brigade, Eighth Army Corps. He took part in the following engagements: Fayetteville, December 17, 18, 1863; Cloyd Mountain, May 9, 1864; New River Bridge, May 10, 1864; Newport, May 12, 1864; Lexington, June 11, 1864; Lynchburg, June 17, 18, 1864; Salem, July 11, 1864; Bunker Hill, July 14, 1864; and Stevenson Depot, July 20, 1864. In the latter engagement he was wounded in the right leg, but remained on the field of battle. On the 25th of July, 1864,

he participated in the battle of Martinsburg and was discharged June 25, 1865. He was mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, having made a most creditable military record.

Following the close of hostilities Mr. Ruckman returned home, where he remained for a time. He then went to Illinois, where he spent three years, while for six years he lived in Bucyrus, this state, being employed in a machine shop. He then made a permanent location in Plymouth township, where he has been engaged in farming to the present time. He now operates seventy-two acres of rich and arable land, located on section 7, Plymouth township, and in his undertakings is meeting with excellent success, for he follows modern ideas of agriculture.

Mr. Ruckman was married May 24, 1866, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Jane Van Wagner, who was born in Auburn township, Crawford county, Ohio, March 5, 1850, a daughter of Harvey and Abigail (Parcel) Van Wagner, both of whom were natives of New York, whence they came with their parents to Richland county at an early day. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Ruckman has been blessed with the following named children: Fayette J., who served for five years as a member of the Eighth Ohio Regiment, National Guards, now resides in Plymouth, where he conducts a blacksmith shop. He is married and has three children. Rhue is the wife of Harmon Clapp, of Toledo, Ohio. Lulu Loretta is the wife of J. J. Downing, of Plymouth township. Roscoe Lafayette is a carpenter of Plymouth. He is married and has one child. Melvin, who completes the family, is at home.

Mr. Ruckman gives his political support to the republican party and at the present time is serving as city inspector. He maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership with the Grand Army of the Republic. In whatever relation of life we find him, whether in public or private life, as a soldier or in social circles, he is ever found as the same honored and honorable gentleman, who deserves the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

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#### HERMAN FOX.

The present home of Herman Fox, a well improved farm comprising one hundred acres of rich and valuable land, is also the place of his birth, which occurred August 20, 1833. His parents, John B. and Mary Magdalene (Eisenlohr) Fox, were both natives of Germany, the former of Wittenberg, where they were reared and married, whence they came to the United States in 1832. This city was a great milling center, owing to the excellent water supply and members of the Fox family throughout five generations have been millwrights and had charge of city works. John B., the father, also busied himself as a millwright during his residence in the fatherland. However, after coming to America he engaged in blacksmithing and also followed farming, locating on the place which is now the home of our subject, this being located on section 11, Monroe township. Their family numbered sixteen children, only four of

whom grew to years of maturity, these being Jacob, Mary Louisa, Augusta and Herman, but the latter is the only surviving member. The mother's death occurred in 1861. The father survived for a decade, his demise occurring in 1871, their remains being interred in Mount Zion cemetery.

Herman Fox, the immediate subject of this review, was reared to the pursuits of agricultural life, assisting in the operation of the home farm from an early age. His educational privileges were those afforded by the district schools of Monroe township. He continued on the home farm until after the death of his father, when he thereon established a home of his own by his marriage on the 26th of September of that year, to Miss Sarah Mowers, a daughter of Isaac and Anna (Kyler) Mowers, who resided on a farm adjoining that of our subject. Mr. Fox has here a fine farm of one hundred acres, which is now in a good state of cultivation, owing to the care and labor he has bestowed upon it. Since coming into possession of this place he has erected a fine country residence, which is surrounded with a good set of outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock and everything about the place is kept in a good state of repair, denoting the progressive and energetic spirit of the owner.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fox has been blessed with eleven children, of whom four have passed away. The family record is as follows; Frances M., who was born October 16, 1862, and is now deceased; Cora, the wife of E. C. Culler, a farmer of Monroe township; Emery, also a resident of this township; William, deceased; John, an electrical engineer of Cleveland, Ohio; Mary L., the wife of Ora Culler, of Loudonville, Ohio; Lena, deceased; Anna, still under the parental roof; George C., who has passed away; Florence, who is with her parents; and Charles, who is assisting his father in the operation of the home farm.

Mr. Fox is an independent democrat and has been called by his fellow townsmen to fill a number of public offices, having served as township trustee and also filled many other offices of trust. Both he and his wife are members of the Evangelical church, of which Mr. Fox has served as an elder. His fraternal relations are with the Grange. No man of Monroe township is more widely known than is Mr. Fox, for here his entire life has been passed and the fine farm which is today his home is evidence of the life of energy which he has led. By perseverance, determination and honorable effort he has overthrown the obstacles which have barred his path and has reached the goal of prosperity.

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#### MRS. BARBARA HINK.

Mrs. Barbara Hink in the management of farming interests in Madison township has displayed excellent business and executive ability and deserves great credit for what she has accomplished. She was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, of which country her parents were also natives and there spent their entire lives. Mrs. Hink is the widow of John Hink, who was a native



MRS. BARBARA HINK.



of Germany and died in that country in 1874, leaving four children to the care of the widowed mother.

Mrs. Hink continued to reside in her native land until 1879, when the favorable reports which she had heard concerning America, induced her to seek a home in the new world. With her children she started for the United States and first settled in Ashland county, Ohio. There she again married, becoming the wife of Jacob Laurence, with whom she lived for seven years. On the expiration of that period she removed to Mansfield, where she resided for one year and then purchased a farm of thirty-eight acres just outside the city limits. Upon this place she has since made her home. It is an excellent farm well improved and from the property she derives a good annual income.

By her first husband Mrs. Hink had the following children: Catharine, the widow of John Hackton, and now residing with her mother; Barbara, the wife of Edward Miller, a resident of Ohio; John F., who is engaged in the livery business in Mansfield; and Margaret, who is with her mother. The only child of the second marriage, a son, is now deceased. Mrs. Hink has displayed excellent business ability and keen discernment in controlling her farm and during her residence in Richland county has won many warm friends.

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#### RICHARD P. KISSANE.

Richard P. Kissane, successfully engaged in the tailoring business in Mansfield, was born in Ashland, Ohio, on the 22d of February, 1869. His maternal great-grandfather, Adam Shipley, whose natal day was August 17, 1759, enlisted for service in the Revolutionary war at Anne Arundel county, Maryland, in April, 1776, continuing as a private until April, 1781, when he was promoted to the rank of captain of a cavalry company under command of General La Fayette and Baron Steuben. Among the engagements in which he participated was the battle of Germantown. Richard Fisk Kissane, the paternal grandfather, was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in 1794, and was a graduate of Canonsburg College of Pennsylvania. He took part in the war of 1812 and passed away in the Keystone state when eighty-nine years of age. Alexander Garing, the maternal grandfather, a native of York, Pennsylvania, removed to Wooster, Ohio, about seventy-five years ago and there resided until his demise at the age of ninety-five years. He was a tailor by trade and Mr. Kissane of this review has a pair of cutting shears which his grandfather used for eighty years. Percifer T. Kissane, the father of our subject, was born in June, 1832, and when twenty-five years of age was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Garing, a daughter of Alexander Garing, of Wooster, and a maiden of eighteen summers. P. T. Kissane was a machinist by trade and after his marriage worked for five years in Wooster, on the expiration of which period he brought his family to Ashland. At the time of the outbreak of the Civil war he joined the army, serving as

commissary sergeant of the One Hundred and Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry until the close of hostilities. When peace was once more restored he returned to Ashland and resumed work at his trade, while subsequently he went back to Wooster, remaining there for five years. When that period elapsed he made his way to Galion, where he resided for ten years, after which he came to Mansfield, where he still resides, being now seventy-two years of age. He was employed for a time by the Aultman-Taylor Company in setting up engines, and later worked for the Mansfield Machine Company, but at the age of sixty-five retired from active life. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding on Sunday, May 19, 1907, entertaining many of their friends as well as their children and grandchildren.

Richard P. Kissane, who was the fourth child in his father's family, acquired his education in the public schools of this city and, when he had put aside his text-books, started out in business as a newsboy, disposing of the first copy of the Mansfield News that was sold here. About three years later he opened a newsroom and stationery store, continuing in that line of activity until July 3, 1888, when his establishment was destroyed by fire. He then learned the tailoring trade and has since continued in this business, meeting with gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity. His customers are among the best citizens of Mansfield and he is one of the leading representatives of the tailoring business here. For nine years he was absent from the city, but for the past seven years has continuously resided in Mansfield and occupied the same store.

On the 25th of December, 1893, Mr. Kissane was united in marriage to Miss Metta Remey, who was here born on the 21st of April, 1872. Their children are as follows: Ray W., whose birth occurred November 15, 1894; Ruth A., born October 11, 1898; and Alice E., born January 23, 1907. Mrs. Kissane's parents were natives of Germany and, emigrating to America about forty-five years ago, were married in Mansfield. The father died as the result of an accident in 1891, but the mother is still living here, and has a family of nine daughters.

Mr. Kissane gives his political allegiance to the republican party, is a Knight Templar Mason and belongs to the Presbyterian church. His life is exemplary in all respects, and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to advance the interests of the community along material, intellectual, political and moral lines.

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#### GEORGE W. CLINE.

George W. Cline has since 1896 resided upon his present farm, a well improved and productive tract of land of seventy acres, on section 24, Plymouth township. He was born February 7, 1834, in the township which is yet his home, and has spent his entire life in the vicinity of Shelby, save for one summer passed in Cleveland.

His parents were William and Mary (Eller) Cline. The father was a native of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and a son of Joseph Cline, who came to Richland county from the Keystone state about 1840 and cast in his lot with the early settlers, taking up his abode in Plymouth township on what is now the John Dempsey farm. Much of the land was still wild and unimproved and was in possession of the government. He entered four hundred and twenty acres and resided upon that place throughout his remaining days. His son, William Cline, received eighty acres of the old homestead as a gift from his father when George W. Cline was born, and upon that farm continued to make his home until called to his final rest. He there operated a sawmill by water power for a number of years and was thus connected with the industrial as well as the agricultural interests of the community. He lost his first wife about 1838, and afterward married again, his second union being with Sophia Roush. There were two sons of the first marriage, the younger being John Cline, now deceased, who responded to the first call for troops at the time of the Civil war, and after serving for three months reenlisted for three years in the Sixty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His last days were spent in the soldier's home near Sandusky. By the second marriage there were born seven children.

George W. Cline was reared on the old home farm to the age of twenty years and acquired his education in the public school. He went to work on the construction of the Junction railroad, which now belongs to the Lake Shore, and later was employed on the Big Four railroad until the fall of 1854. Since that time he has carried on general farming in the vicinity of Shelby, although he worked in the Baltimore & Ohio and also the Big Four depot at Shelby Junction from 1870 until 1883, largely doing night work. His time and energies are now given to the further development and improvement of his farm of seventy acres on section 24, Plymouth township, where he has a well improved tract of land which indicates in its attractive appearance the careful supervision and practical methods of the owner.

On the 18th of January, 1854, Mr. Cline was married to Miss Emma Steel, who was born at Sugar Loaf, Ontario, Canada, February 7, 1838, and when four years of age was taken to Cleveland, Ohio, by her parents, Samuel and Hannah Steel, who were also natives of Canada. Mrs. Cline then resided in Cleveland until her marriage. She has become the mother of five children: George, who is operating the home farm; Ida, the wife of Reamer Coon, of Cleveland; Mary, the wife of Martin Payne, of Shelby; John H., at home; and Wilber, of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Mr. Cline has now passed the Psalmist's allotted age, having reached the seventy-fourth milestone on the journey of life. He has always been a busy man, working earnestly for the success which he has enjoyed, and it has been by reason of his unwearied diligence and indefatigable energy that he has gained a place among the substantial agriculturists of Plymouth township. Moreover, he deserves representation in this volume from the fact that he is one of the oldest residents here in years of continuous connection with the county. Many and important are the changes which have occurred since his boyhood days. He can remember when many of the

homes were log cabins, when the forests were uncut and when at various times wild animals roamed from the woods. It had been only a brief period since the Indians visited the neighborhood, and the methods of living among the white people were yet very different from those in vogue at the present time. The farm work was largely done by hand. The houses were lit by candles and later by kerosene lamps, and in many a farm home the cooking was done over a fireplace. Mr. Cline was rejoiced in the progress which has brought the county to its present high state of development and in his farm work has kept in touch with the modern progress.

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#### FRANKLIN PIERCE WILLETT.

Franklin Pierce Willett, residing on section 16, Cass township, is a representative of one of Richland county's oldest and most prominent families, his grandparents, William and Hannah (Webb) Willett, having located in this section in 1834. They came from Pennsylvania in a covered wagon before railroads had been introduced into this part of the country and located in the woods. Here William Willett built the tanyard which he conducted for so long and at the time of his death he also owned three farms. He died at the age of sixty-six years. Five children were born to this union, namely: Abraham, Thomas, the father of our subject; Rebecca, who became the wife of Abraham Beaver; Hannah and Sarah. Of these children Sarah is the only one now living.

Franklin Pierce Willett was born May 15, 1854, the son of Thomas and Rachel (Bevier) Willett. The father was born in Pennsylvania, May 13, 1819, and was therefore fifteen years of age when his parents located in this county. He aided his father in his enterprises and was engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout life. He wedded Rachel Bevier, who was born in Cass township in 1826, the daughter of Andrus and Elizabeth Bevier. Six children were born to their union, namely: Franklin P., of this review; Hiram, of Plymouth; Edward, also of Plymouth; Ann, the wife of Frank Weldon, of Mansfield; Kate, the wife of James Hills, of Seattle, Washington; and Peter, who died at the age of twenty-two years. Thomas Willett was a stalwart democrat and held many local offices, the most important of which was that of county treasurer, to which office he was elected in 1858. Up to this time he had resided continuously on the farm, but on being elected to this office he removed to Mansfield and resided during his two years' term of service. It was at this period that he bought the Jacob Cribb's farm of one hundred acres, adjoining the old home place of one hundred and sixty acres. In 1860 he resumed his farming operations, which involved the cultivation of about three hundred acres of land at this time, though later he disposed of some of his holdings. At the time of his death he owned, however, two hundred, sixty-nine and one-half acres of land. In 1864 he removed to the village of Plymouth, where he resided for some time. He was the administrator of a number of estates. He died in

Mansfield, May 30, 1906, having been afflicted with total blindness for fourteen years prior to his death. His wife passed away on September 13, 1898.

Franklin Pierce Willett received his education in the district school of his locality, and aided his father in the work of the farm up to the time when he was twenty-five years of age, when he wedded Mrs. Amanda (Saviers) Kirkland, who was born in Plymouth, April 14, 1846, the daughter of Henry Saviers, Sr. Following his marriage Mr. Willett located on one of his father's farms and engaged in farming for the next eight years. In 1887 he removed to Shelby and took charge of the old Park House, which hotel he conducted for four years. From there he went to Bucyrus, where he was engaged in the hotel business for two years, and then went to Mansfield, where he lived for one year, at the expiration of which time he went to Shelby, where he conducted a boarding-house for six years, a portion of this time being employed with the Shelby Tube Works there. Seven years ago he returned to his birthplace, on which farm he now resides. He finds ample opportunity for the expenditure of his time and talents in the duties now devolving upon him as, in conjunction with his brother Edward, he has charge of the estate of his maiden aunt, Sarah Willett, which consists of something over six hundred acres of land. With conscientious regard for the duties that devolve upon him he faithfully performs his duties day after day and he is justly accounted one of the representative agriculturists of the community.

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#### C. W. REIFF.

C. W. Reiff, a veteran of the Civil war, is a resident of the township in which he was born on March 8, 1840. He is the son of C. Maria (Eppy) Reiff, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania and came to Ohio in 1837. They bought land in Weller township, on which they built a log cabin, in which our subject was born and which was his home for thirty years. Both parents are now deceased, the father having passed away in 1878. They became the parents of nine children, seven of whom survive, namely: Mary Ann, the wife of Alfred Fox, of this county; Rebecca, the wife of D. Bowers, residing in Pennsylvania; Adeline, the wife of Benjamin Baker, a resident of Missouri; C. W., of this review; Jacob, who resides in Kansas; John, a resident of California; and Henry, of this county. Harriett is deceased, and one child died in infancy.

C. W. Reiff received his education in the district schools of the county, and aided his father in the work of the farm up to the time he was eighteen years of age, when he went to Kansas, where he remained two years, returning home in 1860. In 1861 he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served in the war for three years and two months, receiving an honorable discharge on July 25, 1864. He was in twelve hard fought battles, in one of which he received a slight scalp wound. Among the battles in which he was engaged may be mentioned that of Shiloh, of Perryville, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Andersonville, Kenesaw and

Peach Creek. On receiving his discharge he returned to the parental roof, and afterward worked at the tinner's trade. He now owns twenty acres of valuable land in Weller township, on which he has resided for about thirty-five years.

In 1867 Mr. Reiff was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Houston, who was born in the house where they now reside. Mrs. Reiff was one of five children. Both parents are now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reiff have been born one son, Leroy, who married Miss Etta Fike, a native of Knox county, this state. They have become the parents of four children: Forest C., Gayle, Charles H., who is deceased, and Elfa A.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, Mr. Reiff has voted the republican ticket. Religiously, both he and his estimable wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and are highly respected and esteemed by their many friends.

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#### EDWIN MANSFIELD.

As the years are added to the cycle of the centuries and the individual passes on from one stage of development to another, the honors and successes he achieves are justly taken as the measure of his talents and his powers. In the course of an active life, Edwin Mansfield has made consecutive progress and his native talent and acquired ability have gained him recognition as one of the foremost lawyers of the Richland county bar, who is now serving as judge of the common pleas court. He makes his home in Shelby, his native city, and has long been a leading factor in its municipal interests.

His parents, Martin H. and Anna (Saeger) Mansfield, natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively, became residents of Ohio about 1842, establishing their home in Ashland county, where Mr. Mansfield engaged in the manufacture of clover hullers. He died in 1880, when fifty-eight years of age, and his wife, surviving him for almost two decades, passed away in 1899, at the age of seventy-four years, while still a resident of Ashland, Ohio.

While spending his boyhood days under the parental roof, Edwin Mansfield acquired his early education in the public schools and later received the benefit of instruction at Ashland College. He made his entrance into business life in railroad service at Zanesville, Ohio, in connection with the Zanesville & Southeastern Railroad Company, but in the latter part of the year 1881 returned to Ashland, where he remained until 1882. In that year he accepted the position of night clerk in the Junction Hotel at Shelby, Ohio, and while thus engaged he took up the study of law, his reading being directed by the firm of Skiles & Skiles. In 1886 he was admitted to the bar and has since been active in the profession which is regarded as the conservator of the human rights, liberties and privileges of the individual. He is an able lawyer, never fearing that laborious attention to his cases which constitutes the office work and must always precede the clear and forceful presentation of his cause in the courts. His mind, naturally logical and inductive, enables



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him to present with clearness the salient points in his case and to arrange them so as to bring into special prominence that point of importance upon which the decision always turns. He was for some years associated in partnership with B. F. Long and in their practice they made a specialty of municipal law.

It was this which well qualified Mr. Mansfield for his sixteen years' service as city attorney—service which won him high encomiums. Interested in community affairs, he has had marked influence in shaping the welfare of the city in the last third of a century. In 1886 he was elected mayor of Shelby and gave a public-spirited administration, characterized by the introduction of many needed reforms and improvements. He also served for some years on the board of examiners of the city schools and was made its president. In 1906 he was chosen judge and his service on the bench has been characterized by a masterful grasp of every problem presented for solution, while his decisions are at all times strictly fair and impartial.

In October, 1891, Mr. Mansfield was married to Mrs. Ada E. (Davis) Low, a daughter of Henry Davis, who was for many years one of the most prominent and successful business men of Shelby and whose death on the 17th of June, 1896, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield have one daughter, Margaret, born March 23, 1897. In his social relations Mr. Mansfield is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Maccebees and the National Union. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and he is interested in all that pertains to the material, intellectual, social and moral progress of his city. He is one of the best known residents of Shelby, and the position which he occupies in public regard is a most enviable one.

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#### ANDREW JACKSON SUMMERVILLE.

Andrew Jackson Summerville, one of the best known and most prominent representatives of the lumber interests of this state, and also connected in an official capacity with many important commercial, financial and manufacturing concerns of Mansfield, was born in Hardin county, Ohio, September 10, 1847.

His grandfather, Robert Summerville, was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and served as a Revolutionary soldier, crossing the Delaware with Washington. He was a shoemaker by trade and lived to the remarkable age of one hundred and four years, his demise occurring in 1863. The great-grandfather was of Scotch birth and was one of Braddock's men. The maternal great-grandfather of our subject was born in Germany and came to America about 1800, locating at Girard, Trumbull county, Ohio. His son, Andrew Kridler, removed to Hardin county about 1841, being one of the pioneer farmers of western Ohio. He made his way to that part of the state when it was largely inhabited by the Wyandotte and Shawnee Indians, with whom he was always on very friendly and hospitable terms. He en-

gaged extensively in hunting and settled on what is known as the Hog Creek marsh at the head of the Hog creek, Sciota, Eagle creek and Blanchard, all fair sized streams. His family numbered four sons and four daughters, of whom the mother of our subject was the eldest child. Benjamin Summerville, father of A. J. Summerville, was a native of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and removed to Hardin county in 1839, where he engaged in farming until his retirement from active business life in 1901, when he came to Mansfield, passing away here about three years ago. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Kridler and was a native of Trumbull county, Ohio, also died in this city, her death occurring December 19, 1902.

Andrew Jackson Summerville, who was an only child, remained on the home farm until he had attained his majority, acquiring his education in the district schools and in an academy at Findlay, Ohio, conducted by Professor Miller. When eighteen years of age he began teaching in a country school during the winter season, while in the summer he assisted in the work of the home farm, being thus alternately engaged until he had attained man's estate. He then removed to Grand Rapids, Michigan, and entered into the lumber business at Cedar Springs. After eight years he there formed a partnership with the Cedar Springs Exchange Bank, acquiring three sections of pine land near a place called Chase, on the Pere Marquette Railway. It was then only a sidetrack, and the half dozen houses which comprised the settlement were destroyed by fire shortly after Mr. Summerville had erected his mill there. He then laid out a town site adjoining, and within six months had built up a town of about sixteen hundred inhabitants. In 1885, after having been engaged very successfully in the lumber business there for seven years, he returned to Ohio, locating at Salem, where he became connected with the retail lumber business as superintendent for Monroe Brothers, of Cleveland, Ohio.

This concern was closed out in 1887 and Mr. Summerville came to Mansfield, where he has resided continuously since. On his arrival here he engaged in the wholesale lumber business, handling lumber in carlots and receiving his supply from Michigan and the south. He was one of the first to introduce red cedar shingles into this state and continued in the lumber business until 1895. At that time the lumber dealers of the state, having become dissatisfied with the high rate of insurance charged them by all companies, held a meeting of the association, at which they appointed a committee to devise some way of securing cheaper insurance. Mr. E. S. Nail, who was appointed chairman of that committee, recognizing the fact that Mr. Summerville was the oldest and best informed representative of the lumber business in this state and that his acquaintance included about every dealer in Ohio, Indiana and western Pennsylvania, prevailed upon the latter to assist in the organization of an insurance company whose policy holders should be confined exclusively to lumber dealers. On the 10th of October, 1895, as the result of Mr. Summerville's efforts in this direction, the Lumbermen's Mutual Insurance Company was organized, with which he has been connected and filled various offices up to the present time. He has been its traveling representative, secretary and department superintendent successively, his incum-

bency in these positions covering the entire period of its existence. Subsequent to the organization of this company, other lumbermen's associations in various parts of the country followed the example that had been set them and organized mutual insurance companies. In 1898 Mr. Summerville organized the firm of A. J. Summerville & Company, which writes the surplus insurance of these organizations throughout many sections of the United States, conducting this business in conjunction with that of the Lumbermen's Mutual Insurance Company. He has also been a promoter of other commercial enterprises of Mansfield, and was one of the organizers of the Farmers Saving & Trust Company, in which he is a director and active member. He is also president of the Eureka Truck Company, an important manufacturing concern of Mansfield, and is largely interested in Mansfield real estate and owns a farm two miles north of the city, comprising one hundred acres, which he is improving and endeavoring to make a model property. He is likewise an enthusiastic and extensive raiser of fine poultry.

On the 26th of October, 1875, at Cedar Springs, Michigan, Mr. Summerville was united in marriage to Miss Ida A. Parker, a daughter of William Parker, of that place. Two children have been born to this union: Earl R., who has been in the service of the United States navy for eighteen years, is chief master-at-arms on the U. S. S. Prairie, and was a gunner on the Boston in the battle of Manila. He is an accomplished athlete. Benjamin C., who is a machinist and electrician, served in Company M of the Eighth Regiment in the Spanish-American war, seeing some hard service in Cuba. Mrs. Summerville is active in social and club circles of Mansfield, being a member of several ladies' clubs, the Hospital Association and the Humane Society. She is helpful in all affairs of public interest and moreover is devoted to her family and home.

Mr. Summerville is a democrat in his political affiliations and while a resident of Michigan was very active in local and state politics. He was an intimate friend of Don Dickinson of the cabinet. When he located in Lake county it had only sixteen democratic votes and when he left there, it had a democratic majority of three hundred. He has served as chairman of the county democracy, as a member of the ninth congressional district committee and the state central committee, and was president of the village of Chase during his entire residence there. Outside of these honors, he has never desired political preferment. Since coming to Mansfield he has always taken a lively interest in local polities to the extent of accepting a number of appointments for special service, but outside of these he has refused to allow himself to become a candidate. His fraternal relations connect him with all the Masonic bodies, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, the United Commercial Travelers and the Hoo Hoos. He is not affiliated with any religious organization but is a liberal donor to church work and all charities, and is a member of the ways and means committee of the Humane Society. He has always been a hearty supporter of the local baseball team, having been an enthusiastic participant in that sport in his youth. A lover of music and literature, he is the possessor of a good library and has always devoted a large part of his leisure time to reading. He has prospered from year to year and has conducted all business

matters carefully and successfully, and in all his acts displays an aptitude for successful management. He has not permitted the accumulation of wealth to affect in any way his actions toward those less fortunate than he and has always a cheerful word and pleasant smile for all with whom he comes in contact.

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#### ALLEN E. BELL.

Allen E. Bell, postmaster at Butler, was born August 13, 1867, in Worthington township, Richland county. His parents are Robert W. and Rosanna (Reeder) Bell. The father was born in Troy township, September 2, 1825, his parents having been pioneer settlers of Richland county, coming from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1820. They made the journey in a wagon after the primitive manner of travel in those days. They found here an almost unbroken wilderness. Over large areas the timber had not been cut and only here and there had a little clearing been made to indicate that the work of civilization was being carried forward. On reaching this county the grandparents settled in Troy township and a year later moved to Worthington township, where Mr. Bell first purchased eighty acres of land on section fifteen. It was covered with a native growth of forest trees, and with characteristic energy he began to clear the property preparatory to utilizing the land for general farming purposes. In the midst of the forest he built a log house and the family lived in true pioneer style. There were bears, wolves and other wild animals in the forest, while wild game of all kinds was plentiful. It was amidst the scenes and environments of frontier life that Robert W. Bell was reared, and in his youth he aided in the arduous task of developing a new farm. Having arrived at years of maturity, he was married in 1866 to Miss Rosanna Reeder and began farming on a tract of forty acres, which he increased and developed until he had a fine farm of one hundred and eight acres under a high state of cultivation.

In September, 1861, Mr. Bell enlisted for service as a soldier of the Civil war, joining Company H of the One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served for three years and reenlisted as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Infantry, thus serving until the close of the war. He was then mustered out in July, 1865, at Houston, Texas, having in the meantime participated in a number of hotly contested engagements which were effective forces in bringing about the final result of the war. In days of peace Mr. Bell was equally loyal in his citizenship and cooperated in many movements for the public welfare. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church and in politics he was a lifelong republican, always supporting the party until his life's labors were ended in February, 1906. He continued to reside on the farm in Worthington township until his death, and was a respected agriculturist of the community.

Allen E. Bell, only son and child of his parents' marriage, was reared on the home farm and acquired his education through the medium of the public

schools. He was a young man of about twenty years when in 1887 he took up newspaper work, running the Butler Enterprise, and was connected with that journal for about seventeen years. He also spent one year in connection with the Daily News at New Philadelphia, Ohio, worked for two years on the Mansfield News and is now its Butler correspondent. On the 1st of September, 1904, Mr. Bell was appointed postmaster of Butler, which position he is now filling. He yet owns the old homestead of one hundred and eight acres in Worthington township, together with a nice property in Butler.

On the 6th of January, 1892, Mr. Bell was married to Miss Essie R. Farst, who was born in Worthington township, this county, July 25, 1873, and is a daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Rummell) Farst. The father was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1827, and his life record covered the intervening eighty years to the 1st of October, 1907. The mother was born in Richland county and died in 1893 at the age of fifty-nine years. They were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom survive, namely: Izaiah, a resident of Worthington township; Mrs. H. C. Sechrist, who is living in Jefferson township; Mrs. J. W. Coe, whose home is in Worthington township; Mrs. A. W. Swindle and J. E., residents of Mansfield; Luther I., of Toledo, Ohio; Luther R., of Troy township; Mrs. S. K. Stake, of Worthington township, and Mrs. Bell. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bell have been born a daughter and son, Estella C. and Kenneth L. The parents are both members of the Evangelical church, and Mr. Bell belongs to Lucullas Lodge, No. 121, K. of P., and to the Modern Woodmen. The fact that he is now serving as postmaster at Butler indicates his adherence to the republican party. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been a supporter of its principles and has done what he could to secure their adoption. He is well known in the county and this part of the state and is popular with a host of friends.

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#### HENRY C. SECRIST.

Henry C. Sechrist, who is living retired on his farm on sections 11 and 12, Jefferson township, was born in Worthington township, Richland county, Ohio, August 27, 1849, his parents being Michael and Elizabeth (Baker) Sechrist, natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland respectively. The father came to this county with his parents in 1829, locating on a farm, and here lived until the time of his demise on the 21st of August, 1897, when he was eighty-six years of age. Mrs. Sechrist passed away in February, 1875. Their family numbered eight children: Nancy, the wife of Daniel Spayde, of Butler, Ohio; Leah, the wife of Joseph Clever, of Butler, Ohio; Elizabeth, the wife of James Neer, likewise of Butler, Ohio; Sophia, the wife of Samuel Yarger, residing in Butler Ohio; Elah, of this county; Henry C., of this review; Malinda, the wife of B. F. Oberlin, of Butler, Ohio; and Lavinia, the wife of Andrew Ramsey, also of Butler, Ohio.

Henry C. Sechrist acquired a common-school education and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he pur-

chased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Worthington township, which he improved and on which he made his home for twenty-seven years. He then sold the place and for seven years lived in Butler, on the expiration of which period he took up his abode on his present farm of one hundred acres on sections 11 and 12, Jefferson township, where he has since resided, although he has retired from the active work of the fields. He and his son also own another tract of eighty-seven acres. He gained a competence through the excellent management and capable direction of his agricultural interests in former years and is now enabled to enjoy the comforts of life without recourse to further labor.

On the 17th of December, 1871, Mr. Seerist was joined in wedlock to Miss Sarah Farst, a native of this county and a daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Rummel) Farst, who were born in Maryland and Pennsylvania respectively. The parents came here in an early day and the father, a carpenter by trade, died in 1908. The mother passed away in February, 1893. Mrs. Seerist was one of a family of thirteen children, and by her marriage became the mother of three children: Alva F., who is on the home farm and is associated with his father in business, having finished his education at Angola, Indiana; and two who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Seerist likewise have three grandchildren: Franklin, Alberta and Edith.

In his political views Mr. Seerist is a stanch republican and for several years served as school director. Both he and his wife are members of the Evangelical church and are well known and highly respected throughout the entire community. He has spent his entire life in this county and is widely recognized as one of its public-spirited and substantial citizens, who in former years was actively connected with agricultural development here.

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#### JACOB W. WEIL.

Jacob W. Weil, chief of police of Mansfield, was born in this city July 15, 1858. His education was acquired in the public schools and he entered upon active connection with the police force as a patrolman. In 1883 he was elected city marshal and served in that office for two terms or four years. Later other official honors were conferred upon him. In 1889 he was chosen by popular suffrage to the office of county recorder, wherein he served for three years, and again in 1893 he was chosen for a three years' term. He retired from that office as he had entered it—with the confidence and trust of all concerned, having made an excellent record for loyalty and ability. In 1901 he was elected chief of police and following the passage of the civil service law in 1902 he has since held the office. That he is popular in the county is indicated by the fact that he was elected recorder by eleven hundred and thirty-nine votes and the second time by twelve hundred and fifty-four votes. He regards a public office as a public trust and it is needless to say to those who know him that no trust reposed in him is ever betrayed in the slightest degree. He

is now a member of the Ohio Police Chiefs Association and was formerly connected with its board of directors.

Mr. Weil has been married twice. On the 17th of October, 1878, he wedded Miss Katherine Etz, of Mansfield, and unto them were born four children: Mamie K., William G., Albert F. and Lillian. Following the death of his first wife Mr. Weil was again married, his second union being with Sarah Elizabeth Ferguson, of Wooster, Ohio, whom he wedded on the 5th of July, 1891. They have one son, Menan Jacob. The parents attend the Lutheran church and Mr. Weil belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, of which he has been president. Since attaining his majority he has remained almost continuously in the public service and his record has been characterized by an unfaltering devotion to duty and to whatever he believes to be right in connection with the administration of the affairs of his office. As a custodian of the public interests in the preservation of law and order he has done most effective work and his efforts have brought him wide renown and unqualified regard.

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#### J. C. PITTS.

J. C. Pitts, a representative of the farming interests of Monroe township, was born in Crawford county, Ohio, November 16, 1850. He is a son of John A. Pitts, who was born in Pennsylvania, and of Elizabeth (Hawley) Pitts, who was born near Bunker Hill. There was also a daughter of the family—Elizabeth. The father died when his son, J. C. Pitts, was only about six weeks old, and some time afterward the mother became the wife of a Mr. Hayes, while J. C. Pitts was left to the tender mercies of strangers.

His childhood experiences were not unlike those of many other children who are reared under similar circumstances. Fate decreed that he should have the educational advantages offered by two years' study at the district schools, and he could neither read nor write when he started out to earn his own livelihood. Although handicapped in every possible way and encountering many obstacles and difficulties as he has proceeded along the journey of life, he early became a self-reliant, energetic youth and later a man of strong purpose, laudable ambition and firm determination. Many a man of less perseverance would have given up the struggle in despair if they had been forced to meet the hardships and difficulties which came to Mr. Pitts. His record, however, is another proof of the fact that it is under the pressure of adversity and the stimulus of opposition that the best and strongest in man is brought out and developed. In the school of experience he has learned many valuable lessons, and possessing an observing eye and retentive memory, he has in this way gained much knowledge and stands today as a man of good judgment and keen foresight.

The first work of any consequence which he did was in Ankneytown, where he worked at the wagonmaker's trade for one year and was then offered the highest wages given to any employe of the company if he would remain

with them. For a time he worked upon the farm of a Mr. Gledhill near Lucas, and later was employed in mills for three years, after which he went to Mansfield and assisted Mr. Gledhill in building a woolen mill in the town. About a year later he removed to Holmesville, Holmes county, Ohio, where he worked in the timber and also trapped for one winter, making as much as seventy dollars per month—which was a large sum for those days. He also engaged in mining for two years near Holmesville and was employed on the grade near Millersburg for two years. It was necessary at this time that he support his mother and little half-sister and half-brother, and he did this as uncomplainingly as though it were in the regular routine of every man's life to do a like work. On leaving Holmes county he went to Petersburg, where he started in business as a shoemaker, continuing his efforts in that line for four years. On the expiration of that time he rented the farm of John Ryder and through his careful expenditure and unwearied industry he acquired a sum sufficient to enable him to purchase the farm five years later. It consists of one hundred and forty acres, upon which he has made many modern improvements. The house is commodious and compares very favorably with the best houses in the community. Other improvements on the farm are of a most modern character, and in the development of his property Mr. Pitts has displayed keen business judgment and unfaltering enterprise.

In 1883 occurred the marriage of Mr. Pitts and Miss Mary Swaggart, who is a representative of one of Richland county's old families. Some time after their marriage Mrs. Pitts became ill and for two years was in a hospital in Toledo, Ohio, leaving Mr. Pitts to care for their little daughter, Clara, who is their only child and is now the wife of J. B. Fulton, who operates her father's farm. By her marriage she has become the mother of one child, Donald, two years of age, who is the pride of the family and the delight of the grandfather's heart.

In addition to his farm property Mr. Pitts is a stockholder in the Hastings and the Monroe telephone lines and has both phones in his house. He is a member of the Grange, and his wife is a member of the Lutheran church. His political support is given to the democracy, but he has always been too busy a man to seek political office. In fact, he has led a most active life, employing many hours which others would have devoted to enjoyment or rest. It has been in this way that he has secured the success which is now his, making him one of the substantial agriculturists of the community.

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#### JOHN L. SWANK.

John L. Swank, who owns and operates a valuable farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres on section 26, Jefferson township, was born in Knox county, Ohio, October 14, 1846, a son of Casper and Katherine (Leedy) Swank, natives of Franklin county, Pennsylvania. The father came to Richland county, Ohio, in 1818, and settled in Jefferson township, where he carried on farming throughout his entire life, his death occurring in 1893, when he was

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in his eighty-seventh year. His wife had passed away in 1884 at the age of sixty-four years. In their family were six children: Daniel and Elias, both deceased; Jacob, of Butler, Ohio; C. L., of Worthington township, Richland county, Ohio; one who died in infancy; and John L., of this review.

John L. Swank acquired his education in the common schools and also taught for two years. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority and subsequently engaged in the operation of a rented farm until 1897. In that year he purchased the tract of land of one hundred and thirty-five acres on section 26, Jefferson township, formerly the A. C. Leedy farm, on which he still resides, and in the cultivation of which he has met with a gratifying and well earned measure of success.

On the 31st of December, 1871, Mr. Swank was joined in wedlock to Miss Leah C. Long, a native of Jefferson township and a daughter of Abraham and Katherine Long, who were born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, but are now deceased. Mrs. Swank was one of a family of ten children and by her marriage has become the mother of the following: Edward E., residing in Iowa; Sylvia C., the wife of H. S. Garber, of Jefferson township; Myrtle, the wife of J. E. Kisebeth, of Fostoria, Ohio; Alonzo, of Butler, Ohio; Elzina, the wife of O. E. Kisebeth, living in Fostoria, Ohio; Linnie, the wife of Sherman Gaddis, of this county; Minnie and John C., both at home; Clyde, deceased; Hugh, George G. and Marie, all at home; and Charles, who has also passed away.

Politically Mr. Swank is a democrat and is quite active in the local ranks of the party, having served as assessor for two terms and as justice of the peace for thirteen years. He is a member of the Grange, while both he and his wife belong to the Evangelical church, in the work of which they are actively and helpfully interested. They are highly esteemed throughout the community as people of genuine personal worth and commendable traits of character and have gained an extensive circle of warm friends.

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#### ULYSSES G. FRY.

Ulysses G. Fry, a representative and successful agriculturist of Jefferson township, Richland county, was born on what is known as the Amos Fry farm, on the 11th of January, 1866. His parents were Amos and Elizabeth (Herrick) Fry, the former born in York county, Pennsylvania, February 4, 1830, while the latter's birth occurred in Blair county, Pennsylvania, March 10, 1836. Their marriage was celebrated in 1852, and in the spring of 1864 they emigrated to Ohio, settling on the farm south of Bellville, which at that time was a timber tract. In that year the father also enlisted for service in the Union army. His death occurred March 22, 1908, while his wife passed away October 3, 1907. Of their family of twelve children one died in infancy and Daniel was called to his final rest in January, 1903. The ten surviving members are: Jacob, residing in Arkansas, whose birth occurred June 15, 1856; Levi, born June 10, 1858, who makes his home in Bellville; Sarah, who was born April 11, 1860, and lives in Morrow county, Ohio; Jonathan, of

Bellville, who was born November 25, 1861; Mary E., born March 23, 1864, who is living in Canton; Ulysses G., of this review; Eli C., born September 5, 1868, residing in Mount Vernon; Amanda, of Bellville, who was born July 16, 1870; Manuel, residing in Bellville, whose birth occurred April 3, 1874, and Verda M., also of Bellville, who was born September 4, 1876.

During the days of his boyhood and youth Ulysses G. Fry attended the Walnut Hill school and when not busy with his text-books assisted his father in the work of the home farm, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. On attaining man's estate he chose the occupation to which he had been reared as his life work and has since successfully carried on farming, being widely recognized as one of the enterprising and prosperous agriculturists of his native county. After the death of his brother Daniel, he and his brother Levi purchased Daniel's farm of ninety-two acres of land in Jefferson township, on which our subject located, and at the end of four years he purchased Levi's interest in the place. He is still living upon the farm.

On the 30th of March, 1887, at Bellville, Mr. Fry was united in marriage to Miss Delah Ann Williams. Her father, Joseph Williams, was born in Maryland in 1819, and on the 16th of August, 1837, was joined in wedlock to Miss Susan Keller, by whom he had eight children, three of whom are still living. The family emigrated to Ohio in the spring of 1845, locating at what is known as Bakers Corners. Having lost his first wife, Joseph Williams was again married, his second union being with Melvina Zigler, their wedding taking place August 13, 1857. Of the seven children born unto them, five are still residing here. Mr. Williams and his wife also still survive, the former being now the oldest resident in Jefferson township.

In 1907 Mr. Fry was elected township trustee for a term of two years and is now faithfully discharging the duties incumbent upon him in this position. He joined the Presbyterian church of Bellville when seventeen years of age, but when the Lutheran church was built at that place he and his parents united with that organization and he has always been a faithful worker in its behalf. In 1907 and again in 1908 he was chosen superintendent of the Pleasant Hill Sunday school. Having resided in this county throughout his entire life, he is well known as one of its substantial and public-spirited citizens, whose aid and influence are ever enlisted on the side of moral, intellectual and material progress.

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#### GEORGE W. FERGUSON.

On the list of Richland county's honored dead appears the name of George W. Ferguson, who was long associated with the farming interests of this part of the state. Throughout the community he was known as a reliable business man and one who in every relation of life held to a high standard of conduct. He was born April 20, 1830, in Ashland county, Ohio, but died upon the home farm in Weller township, this county, March 6, 1900. He

had therefore almost reached the seventieth milestone on life's journey. He was a representative of one of the old pioneer families of this part of the state, and the farm upon which his widow now resides was entered from the government by his grandfather when the entire country side was a wilderness. It has always been in the Ferguson name and constitutes one of the best improved properties of the county at the present time.

George W. Ferguson attended the early schools here and supplemented his education by many valuable lessons learned in the school of experience. He was reared to the occupation of farming and made it his life's work. He early learned the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops, and as the years passed he was able to provide a good living for his family by the careful methods he followed in the conducting of the fields. His parents were George W. and Ellen (Haverfield) Ferguson, and they instructed him in his youth in lessons of industry and integrity, which he never forgot, and which constituted a valuable element in his life's record in later years.

Mr. Ferguson was married in this county to Miss Rebecca M. Schoemaker, a native of the county and a daughter of Adam and Margaret (Mason) Schoemaker. The Schoemaker family came to Richland county from Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1814, when this district sheltered but few white men. Indians were still seen in this part of the state and their wigwams furnished a feature on the landscape. They hunted in the forests, for there was an abundance of wild game. As the years passed Mr. Schoemaker brought his farm under a high state of development, and in the last years of his life was a potter by trade. His death occurred in February, 1857, when he was sixty-two years of age, while his wife, surviving him for many years, passed away in 1880, at the age of seventy-five years. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom three are now living, namely: Mrs. Ferguson; Mrs. Jane Tooker, who is living in Weller township, and Mrs. Delilah Ross, whose home is in Nebraska.

By a former marriage Mr. Ferguson had two children: Mrs. Caroline Cole, living in Mansfield, and Martin, whose home is in Cleveland, Ohio; Otto R., the only child born to George W. and Rebecca M. (Schoemaker) Ferguson, was born May 10, 1867, on the farm where he yet resides. Here he was reared and in 1887 he married Miss Margaret Powell, who was born February 16, 1866, in Franklin township. She is a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Schoemaker) Powell, who were natives of Richland county and died in Franklin township. There were two children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ferguson—Harry and Roy. Otto F. was reared upon the home farm and when eighteen years of age began cultivating this place on shares. It comprises seventy-five acres of land which, according to the terms of his father's will, is to belong to his mother as long as she lives. The son is an enterprising, energetic young farmer, and in 1901 he erected the dwelling which now stands upon the place and which is one of the finest country homes of the district. Mr. Ferguson is a well read young man, thoroughly up-to-date on agricultural matters and on many questions of general interest. The home contains a large library of choice books, with the contents of which he is largely familiar. In community affairs he is interested and has once served

as township trustee. All of the family are members of the Church of God and take an active and helpful interest in its work.

George W. Ferguson left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name, and the family has always borne a reputation which makes them prominent and influential in this part of the county, well deserving of mention among the representative people of Weller township.

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#### S. R. GORHAM.

S. R. Gorham, a native son of Ohio, is now identified with the agricultural interests of the state, operating a valuable tract of land comprising one hundred and forty-five acres, situated in section 13, Monroe township, and is also the owner of land in Green township, Ashland county. He was born in Ashland county, April 7, 1852, a son of Hezekiah and Charity (Turner) Gorham, the latter a native of Vermont, while the birth of the former occurred in Massachusetts. They removed with their family to Ashland county in the early '40s, where the father worked at the stone and brick mason's trade. In early life he followed the sea for twenty-five or thirty years. He also made a trip to the Pacific coast in 1849 during the gold excitement and amassed quite a fortune during his sojourn in the west, but in later years lost all the money he acquired. His death occurred in 1874, while his wife survived for many years, passing away June 15, 1887. Their family numbered twelve children but only five of the number are now living, namely: John G., a resident of Mansfield, Ohio; James R., of Cleveland; S. R., whose name introduces this review; Harriet, the wife of William Strimple, of Richland county; and Elizabeth, the wife of Aaron Smith, a resident of Richland.

S. R. Gorham began his education in the common schools, this being later supplemented by a course of study in Perryville Academy. He also pursued a course in telegraphy but this vocation not being congenial to him, he never followed it. He remained with his father until he reached years of maturity, when he engaged in teaching school, following that occupation for fifteen years. During that time he accumulated a sum sufficient to enable him to become the owner of land and thinking to find a farm life more congenial, he purchased one hundred and forty-five acres of land, situated on section 13, Monroe township, where he is now making his home. He has here a good farm property, supplied with excellent buildings. He is engaged in raising the various cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also gives attention to raising and feeding stock. In everything he is thoroughly practical, following only the most modern methods in carrying on his work, so that he is meeting with excellent success.

Mr. Gorham established a home of his own by his marriage on the 10th of March, 1880, to Miss Clara B. Shanabarger, who was born in 1861, on the farm which is now her home, her parents being Emanuel and Catherine (Miller) Shanabarger, whose family numbered four children. The father passed away in 1870, but the mother is still living, making her home in

Mansfield. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Gorham has been blessed with one son, Ira G., who was born February 5, 1881. He has been afforded excellent educational advantages, having graduated from the Perryville high school, after which he attended the Ohio State University. He also pursued a law course in Ann Arbor University, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and is now teaching mathematics in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Gorham gives his political support to the republican party and has served as road supervisor of Monroe township. Socially he is a member of Royal Arcanum Lodge at Perryville, having filled all the different chairs in that order, and likewise a member of Lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M., at Loudonville, and a member of the Maccabees. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church, in the work of which they take a very active and helpful part.

His life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor, and today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of his county. His interests are thoroughly identified with those of Richland county and at all times he is ready to lend his aid to any movement calculated to benefit this section of the country or advance its wonderful development.

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#### JERIEL NEEDHAM.

Jeriel Needham, who owns a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 23, Troy township, on which he is now living retired, having rented his land, was born on this place, January 30, 1848, the son of John W. and Mary Ann (Shauck) Needham. His paternal grandfather came to what was then Congress township, Richland county, but is now a part of Morrow county, in 1828, at a time when John W. Needham, the father of our subject, was but seven years of age, he having been born in Guernsey county, Ohio, March 30, 1821. Here he grew to manhood and bought one hundred and sixty acres of timber land, on which the growth of timber was so dense that a tract had to be cleared on which to erect the log cabin. On June 10, 1843, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann Shauck, who was born on March 24, 1818. They became the parents of eight children, of whom but three are now living, namely: Jeriel, of this review; Johanna, the wife of John H. Buck, of Portland, Oregon; and J. Oliver, who resides in Colorado. Those who have been called to their eternal rest are: Henry S.; Elah; Albert; Frank P.; and Cora V. The mother passed away April 1, 1890, being survived by her husband over fifteen years, his death occurring September 4, 1905. In politics he was a stanch republican and, being one of the prominent and influential citizens of his day, he was called upon at various times to fill all the offices that the township had to offer. He was for years township trustee. Both he and his estimable wife were faithful and consistent members of the United Brethren church. He lived for his fellowmen and in sickness or need his time and pocketbook were always at the command of the unfortunate.

Jeriel Needham was reared on the home place in Troy township, where he attended the district school and received a common-school education. This he supplemented by a three years' course at the Lexington Seminary, after which he returned to the farm and contributed his best efforts and energies to its development and improvement. At the time of his marriage he purchased a half interest in the place, and for years he assumed the responsibility of the entire management of the farm, paying his father a rental for the place. At the time of his father's death he bought out the other heirs, so that he now holds clear title to the place.

On December 19, 1876, Mr. Needham was united in marriage to Miss Edith E. Dwyer, who was born in Fredericktown, Knox county, Ohio, November 6, 1851, the daughter of William M. and Catherine (Shauck) Dwyer. Her father was born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, December 1, 1823, where he grew to manhood and learned the millwright's trade. He spent one year in Lake county, whence he went to Morrow county, and finally settled in Westerville, where he and his wife are now living. They were married October 17, 1848. Mrs. Dwyer was born at Johnsville, Morrow county, September 11, 1828, and has now attained the venerable age of eighty years. Five children were born to this union, namely: Arthur N., who resides in Indianapolis, Indiana; Edith, the wife of our subject; and Eva M., Thurston D. and Maude M., all of whom have passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Needham have become the parents of two children, namely: Earl Dwyer, who was born December 3, 1877; and Guy W., who was born March 8, 1882.

In politics Mr. Needham is a republican and has served on the state central committee. He has held a number of township offices and is now a member of the school board. He is one who believes that the agricultural interests of the commonwealth are worthy of the best efforts of those who are interested in the progress and development of the country, and for twenty-two years he has been a member of the Agricultural Society, having served as its president for the last nine years. He is also a member of the Troy Township Grange, and is president of the Corn Growers' Association. Religiously, he and Mrs. Needham are faithful members of the United Brethren church, in which he has served as trustee for years. Like his father, Mr. Needham is a very broad-minded, progressive man, and he believes that everyone should live his life in a manner to benefit others as well as himself. He is ready and willing at all times to aid in any enterprise that is designed to be of benefit to the general public.

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#### GEORGE WORLEY.

George Worley, numbered among the honored veterans of the Civil war and for long years a progressive farmer of the county, is now living retired in Butler, enjoying the rest that has come to him as the result of well directed energy and intelligent application of labor. He was born June 4, 1841, in Stark county, Ohio, and is the son of David and Elizabeth (Althouse) Worley.

The father was born in Germany and spent his early youth in his native country, after which he came to America with his parents, first settling in Pennsylvania. It was in that state that he met and married Miss Elizabeth Althouse, who was born in Pennsylvania. For a brief period they continued to reside in the Keystone state and then came to Ohio, settling first in Stark county, whence they removed to Richland county in 1841, locating one mile east of Butler upon a farm which continued to be their home until they were called to their final rest. They were the parents of ten children, but only two are now living: George, of this review, and William, whose home is in Keokuk, Iowa.

As boy and youth George Worley remained on the home farm, enjoying the pleasures of the playground, performing the duties of the schoolroom and aiding in the work of the home farm. On the 12th of August, 1862, however, he put aside all personal and business considerations, for prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he offered his services to the government, enlisting at the age of twenty-one years as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served for three years and was mustered out in 1865. Although he was frequently in the thickest of the fight and participated in a number of important engagements, he was never wounded.

Returning home with a creditable military record, George Worley spent the next year in chopping wood, thus working in the forests until 1866, when he started out upon an independent business career by renting a farm in Worthington township. Later he bought forty acres, on which he lived until 1897. In the intervening period he worked diligently and persistently to make his farm typical of the progressive spirit of the age along agricultural lines. Year after year he tilled the soil, which rewarded him with golden harvests, and year after year his sale of crops brought to him a good return, so that in the course of time he acquired a handsome competence that now numbers him among the men of affluence in the community. Upon leaving the farm he took up his abode in Butler, where he now owns a good residence standing in the midst of two lots. The place is well kept and presents a most attractive appearance.

Mr. Worley has been married twice. He first wedded Miss Elizabeth Wise, who was a daughter of Jacob and Eve Wise. She was born April 25, 1846, in Licking county, Ohio, was married in 1868, and after about twenty years of happy married life passed away on the 12th of March, 1888. There were four children of that union: Obediah, who is now living in Butler; Anna, the wife of E. L. Nichols, also of Butler; William L., whose home is in Worthington township; and Giftie, deceased. In 1888 Mr. Worley was again married, his second union being with Delilah Miller, who was born in Knox county, Ohio, July 2, 1841, and is a daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Herrick) Miller, who were natives of Pennsylvania and became residents of Knox county, Ohio, at an early day. Later they settled in Richland county, where they remained until called to their final rest.

Mr. Worley is a member of Samuel Bell Post, No. 536, G. A. R., and thus keeps in close connection with his old army comrades, taking much delight in recalling the scenes and events which marked the progress of the war as he

wore the blue uniform in defense of his country. Both he and his wife are devoted members of the Dunkard church and in politics he is an independent voter, regarding the capability of the candidate rather than his party affiliation. Although Mr. Worley has lived a quiet and uneventful life, in that he has never figured in political circles or positions which have called to him wide attention, his record is nevertheless one that is worthy of emulation, for he has always manifested a helpful spirit in citizenship, while in all of his relations with his fellowmen he has been straightforward and honorable. His business activity, too, constitutes a worthy example to those who wish to attain success, for it has been his diligence and reliability that have brought to Mr. Worley his present substantial competence.

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#### CHARLES HENRY HUBER.

Richland county has been signally favored in the class of men who have occupied her public offices. They have usually been loyal to the duties devolving upon them and progressive in their accomplishment. The official record of Charles Henry Huber is one which reflects credit upon his constituents and has been highly satisfactory to the public at large. He formerly filled the office of county recorder and at the present writing, in 1908, is serving as mayor of Shelby, his native city.

Mr. Huber was born April 21, 1857, and is of German lineage. Both his father and mother were brought from Germany to America by their parents in 1852 and both families settled in Shelby. At that time the father was sixteen years of age and the mother twelve. After reaching manhood and womanhood they were married and established their home at Shelby, where they reared their family.

At the usual age Charles H. Huber entered the public schools and passed through consecutive grades until he became a high-school student. When his education was completed he became identified with commercial interests in his native city as a cigar manufacturer and conducted the business capably and successfully until 1899, when he sold out at a good profit. In the meantime public recognition of his ability and fidelity in citizenship led to his selection for public office. He has since attaining his majority been a stalwart champion of democratic principles and has labored effectively and earnestly in securing democratic successes. When he was made the nominee of his party in 1895 for the office of county recorder his personal popularity was fully demonstrated at the election, which he won over his opponent by a very flattering majority. Moreover, this was the first time in twenty-two years that a citizen who was a non-resident of Mansfield had been called to the position, or in fact to a county office in the courthouse. That he discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity is indicated by the fact that he was reelected in 1898. The work of the office is onerous and the position one of responsibility. Mr. Huber was most faithful, however, in his tasks and brought to their discharge good business and executive ability and keen



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discrimination. He soon carefully systematized the work of the office and when he retired had the full confidence and trust of his fellowmen, as he had when he became county recorder. This is not the only office that Mr. Huber has filled, for he has served as a member of the democratic county and state central committees and on several occasions has been chosen a delegate to the state conventions, where his opinions carry weight. Moreover, he was elected a member of the city council of Shelby in 1893 and in 1907 was honored with the most important office within the gift of his fellow townsmen—that of mayor. His administration is characterized by businesslike principles and by needed reform and improvement, and Shelby's citizens feel that they made no mistake in choosing him for the office.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Huber was married in 1877 to Miss Rosamond Gates, a daughter of Martin Gates, who was brought to Richland county by his parents from New Jersey when a youth of ten years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Huber have been born three children, namely: Mabel F., Mary L. and Charles F. A man of domestic taste, Mr. Huber finds his greatest happiness at his own fireside and counts no personal effort or sacrifice on his part too great if it will promote the happiness or enhance the welfare of his wife and children. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen, the Macabees and the Masons, having attained the Knight Templar degree of Masonry. He is loyal to the teachings of his craft and exemplifies in his life the benevolent spirit of the order. Having always resided in Shelby, he is most widely known and the fact that many of his stanchest friends are those with whom he has been acquainted from boyhood is an indication that his has been an honorable and upright life.

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#### GEORGE CLARK.

George Clark, who carries on general agricultural pursuits in Franklin township, is the owner of an excellent tract of land of one hundred and eighty acres, from which he derives a gratifying annual income, owing to the practical care and labor which he bestows upon its fields. He was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, November 15, 1830. His grandfather, a native of Scotland, came to America in colonial days and participated in the Revolutionary war in behalf of the cause of independence. He was afterward a raftsman on the Susquehanna river. The father of our subject was Frederick Clark, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1795 and became a resident of Richland county, Ohio, in 1831, at which time he purchased land. In 1832 he removed his family to Franklin township, this county, and entered the last quarter section from the government in this vicinity. His entire life was devoted to general agricultural pursuits and in the work he was diligent and persevering, meeting with creditable success in his undertakings. He died at the age of seventy-six years. His wife was Mrs. Elizabeth (Fowler) Clark and her father was for nine years a soldier with Napoleon Bonaparte.

George Clark was the youngest and is the only surviving member of the family of five children. He was less than two years of age when brought by his parents to Richland county and here he was reared in the frontier settlement, while in the public schools of Franklin township he acquired his education. He early became familiar with the arduous duties connected with the development and improvement of a new farm and throughout his entire life has carried on general agricultural pursuits. He today owns one hundred and eighty acres of land and he formerly had two other tracts of eighty acres each, which he has since given and sold to his two sons.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey Mr. Clark chose Miss Christine Young, whom he wedded in 1862. They became the parents of the following children: Martin, now deceased; William, who is living on the home farm in Franklin township; Fred, who resides on the Anderson place; Stephen, who is located on a farm adjoining his father's home; Christopher, whose farm adjoins that upon which Stephen lives; Minnie, the wife of Lester Roush, a farmer of Franklin township; and Ottie, the wife of Charles Wolf, who operates the home farm. The mother of these children died September 30, 1892, and her loss was deeply deplored by her many friends as well as her immediate family. Mr. Clark votes with the democratic party and stanchly advocates the principles promulgated by Jackson. He has been a school director and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He is also a member of the Lutheran church and his entire life has been in harmony with his profession. For more than three-quarters of a century he has lived in Richland county and therefore has intimate knowledge of its history from pioneer times down to the present. His memory forms a connecting link between the progressive period that we are now enjoying and the past, with its privations and hardships. In his farm work he has kept pace with the advancement that has been as noticeable in agricultural pursuits as in any other line of business, and while he now leaves the active work of the farm to others, he yet gives personal supervision to his property and derives therefrom a good and well merited annual income.

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#### H. E. HOOVER.

Throughout the entire period of his active business career H. E. Hoover has been identified with agricultural interests and is now the owner of sixty acres of land, situated in Jefferson township, on which he has made his home for the past quarter of a century. He was born in this township, September 23, 1855, a son of Samuel and Louisa C. (Mannas) Hoover, the former born in Pennsylvania, whence he came to Richland county with his parents at an early day. The father was engaged in farming throughout his entire life and passed away in Richland county in October, 1894. The mother was born and reared in Mansfield, Ohio, and is now making her home in Perry township, having reached the advanced age of seventy-nine years. She became the mother of eight sons and three daughters, but only four of the number are

now living, these being: H. E., of this review; Charles and Jennie, who are with their mother in Perry township, and Sheridan, who makes his home in Mansfield.

H. E. Hoover spent the period of his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farm lads, assisting his father in the operation of the home farm during the summer months, while in the winter seasons he pursued his studies in the district schools. He remained on the home farm until he reached the age of thirty years, after which he engaged in farming in Perry township for three years, at the end of which time, in 1883, he purchased his present tract of land, comprising sixty acres, which is now under a high state of cultivation. Here he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, and his well directed labors, economy and industry are bringing him a good financial return.

Mr. Hoover was married April 22, 1880, to Miss Amy Diehl, who was born in Mansfield, Ohio, May 4, 1858, a daughter of Peter and Mary (Koehizer) Diehl, both natives of Germany. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hoover has been blessed with two sons and a daughter: Chester, who follows farming in Richland county; Clara, who is under the parental roof, and Lee, who is also with his parents.

Mr. Hoover gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, of which his wife is also a member. Throughout his entire life, covering a period of more than a half century, he has made his home in Richland county and is therefore widely and favorably known, for his life has ever been lived in harmony with his professions and his business has ever been carried forward with the most honorable methods, so that all with whom he comes in contact holds him in the highest regard.

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#### JACKSON BEVIER.

Among the native born sons of Richland county who still reside within its borders is numbered Jackson Bevier, who is engaged in general agricultural pursuits on a well improved property comprising one hundred and twenty-four acres, situated on section 7, Plymouth township. Mr. Bevier was born on a farm in this township November 23, 1854, a son of Caleb and Cornelia (Brinckerhoff) Bevier, whose family numbered nine children, of whom our subject is the fifth in order of birth.

Mr. Bevier was reared to the occupation of farming, early being trained to the duties that usually fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He remained under the parental roof until he had reached the age of twenty-six years, when he removed to Spring Mills, remaining there but three weeks. At the end of that time he purchased his present home farm, comprising one hundred and twenty-four acres, situated on section 7, Plymouth township. He has improved the place with good buildings and has placed his land under a good state of cultivation, so that each year he harvests abundant crops as a reward

for the care and labor he bestows upon the fields. He is engaged in general agricultural pursuits and also makes a specialty of feeding horses, both branches of his business proving a profitable source of income to him.

On the 9th of March, 1881, Mr. Bevier was married to Miss Nancy N. Leppo, who was born in Springfield township, this county, September 11, 1859, a daughter of James and Barbara (Neal) Leppo, the former born in Maryland, October 14, 1817, while the latter was born near Mansfield, Richland county, September 6, 1817. Their family numbered six daughters and one son, but the latter died in infancy. Both the parents are now deceased, the father passing away March 6, 1865, at the comparatively early age of forty-eight years, while the mother survived for a number of years, her death occurring April 26, 1876, when she had reached the age of fifty-nine.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Bevier has been blessed with two daughters and a son, namely: Cornelia B.; Frank, who died at the age of six months, and Nellie Margaret, at home. Mr. Bevier gives his political support to the republican party and has been a member of the central committee, while at the present writing he is serving as township trustee, having filled the office for the past seven years. The cause of education finds in him a warm friend, and he served as president of the board of Plymouth township for a number of years. The family are members of the Lutheran church.

Having spent his entire life in Richland county, Mr. Bevier is therefore widely and favorably known. His strong and salient characteristics are such as endear him to all who come within the close circle of his friendship, and wherever he is known he is respected and honored.

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#### WILLIAM GAYLORD BLYMYER.

William Gaylord Blymyer, who throughout his active business life was connected with journalistic interests, was born August 31, 1840, and was the fourth in order of birth in the family of six children born unto John and Sarah (Alstadt) Blymyer. The father's birth occurred in 1808 and that of his wife in 1810. When sixteen years of age William Gaylord Blymyer accompanied his father on his removal to Missouri, but after four years returned to Mansfield, where for a few years he was employed in the office of the Herald. Returning to Missouri, he remained in that state for several years and subsequently resided in Madison, Indiana, for a short time, when he again came to Mansfield and was married. Soon after that important event in his life he purchased the Fostoria News, which he disposed of shortly afterward and then bought an interest in the Tiffin Tribune, which he likewise sold a few years later. Purchasing the Defiance Democrat, published in Defiance, he there continued for about twenty years, and on the expiration of that period sold the paper and removed to Coshocton. In 1902 he took up his abode in Mansfield and interested himself in the Mansfield Printing Company, which his son-in-law, Charles Glover, has continued since his

death. Mr. Blymyer gained a large measure of success in his journalistic interests and was well known for his excellent qualifications along this line.

On the 21st of December, 1864, Mr. Blymyer was united in marriage to Miss Susan A. Sheets, and they had one son, George Sheets Blymyer, now deceased, and one daughter, Olive, now Mrs. Charles Glover. The latter has a daughter, born in 1894. George W. Sheets, the father of Mrs. Blymyer, came to Mansfield in his boyhood days and worked as a brick mason. On attaining his majority he began business for himself and became a very prominent contractor, his skill and ability in this department of activity being widely acknowledged. He was born in the year 1818, and in 1838 was married to Miss Sarah Jane White, whose birth occurred in 1820. Their two children were: Dolly, now Mrs. L. F. Harrington, and Mrs. Blymyer. In his fraternal relations Mr. Sheets was a Mason, climbing upward in the order of degrees to that of Knight Templar, and exemplified in his life the beneficent teachings of the craft, being a man of very generous and helpful disposition. He lived to attain the age of seventy-six years, and his demise was the occasion of sincere regret throughout the entire community.

Mr. Blymyer gave his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. Mrs. Blymyer still makes her home in Mansfield and is a lady of culture and refinement, who has gained an extensive circle of warm friends in this city.

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#### A. P. BAUGHMAN.

In the history of agricultural development of Richland county, mention should be made of A. P. Baughman, who has been a lifelong farmer and is now owner of one hundred and twenty acres of well improved and productive land. He has put up every building upon the property, and the attractive residence and substantial outbuildings all stand as monuments to the enterprise, thrift and progressive spirit of the owner.

Mr. Baughman was born on a farm on section 21, Monroe township, January 29, 1846, a son of Aaron B. and a brother of P. S. Baughman. His boyhood days were passed in a manner not unlike that of other boys of the period who are reared upon farms. He attended school through the winter months and in the summer seasons aided in the labors of the fields, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist.

Having arrived at years of maturity, Mr. Baughman was married on the 9th of January, 1868, when a young man of twenty-two years, to Miss Harriett McDaniel, who lived on an adjoining farm and is a daughter of J. R. McDaniel, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Baughman began their domestic life upon a farm and as the years have passed four children have been born unto them: E. B., the eldest, born July 7, 1869, was engaged in teaching school for eight years and is now connected

with the rural route mail service, his headquarters being at Mansfield; Della, born in 1873, is qualified to teach, but remains at home and acts as correspondent for the county newspapers; H. B., born August 20, 1876, operates the home farm, and W. L., born in April, 1885, is a particularly intelligent and bright young man, who at the age of seventeen years engaged in teaching school.

Mr. Baughman is an independent democrat and is now serving as road supervisor. His wife is a member of the Baptist church. Both are held in high esteem and enjoy the warm regard of a large circle of friends and acquaintances, whose good will they well merit. In his farming operations Mr. Baughman has ever been practical as well as progressive, and his labors have been attended with a gratifying measure of success.

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#### LOUIS SPROW.

Louis Sprow is one of the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to Richland county, where he is now engaged in carrying on agricultural pursuits on a farm of ninety acres, situated on section 4, Jefferson township, near the corporation limits of Bellville. His birth occurred in Rhinfautz, Germany, May 4, 1837. His parents, George and Elizabeth (Seber) Sprow, were both natives of Germany, where they were reared and married. Upon emigrating to the new world they made their way from New York to Richland county, where the father followed farming. Their family numbered four children, but only two of the number are now living, the sister of our subject being Louisa, the wife of John Kauf, residing near Butler, this state.

Louis Sprow was reared in his native country to the age of sixteen years, and it was there that he also acquired his education. For eight years after coming to the United States he worked in New York as a day laborer, putting his hands to anything he could find to do, after which he spent some time in Birmingham, Pennsylvania, while in 1861 he made his way to Richland county, Ohio, renting a tract of land in Washington township, which he operated for nine years. During this period he met with a degree of success that enabled him to invest in a tract of land comprising seventy-five acres in section 35, Washington township. He later disposed of that tract and now owns twenty acres situated near the corporation limits of Bellville, and in addition has a tract of six hundred and forty acres near Dalhart, Texas, and also owns a lot in Columbus, Ohio. His home place is improved with good out-buildings for the shelter of grain and stock, and on it is erected a fine country residence, which is supplied with all modern conveniences. He is here engaged in raising the various grains adapted to soil and climate and is meeting with a fair measure of success.

It was on the 28th day of May, 1863, that Mr. Sprow was united in marriage to Miss Mary Measel, who was born in Frederick county, Maryland. Mr. Sprow gives his political support to the men and measures of the democratic party, to which he gives stalwart aid. Both he and his wife are members of

the United Brethren church, in the work of which they are deeply interested. Mr. Sprow's success is due entirely to his own well directed labors, for when he accompanied his parents to the United States, a young man of sixteen years, he started out to make his own way in life by doing anything he could find to do, subsequently working in a factory, and from that time to the present he has worked his way upward until today he is in possession of a comfortable competency which supplies himself and family, as well as his mother and sister, whose support he is, with all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life, and today he is numbered among the highly esteemed and representative citizens of his section of the state.

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#### SAMUEL STEVENSON.

In these days of feverish activity and commercial unrest it is pleasing to learn of a home where generation has succeeded generation in contentment and plenty; where the physical needs can be adapted to the circumstances of the season, and where though crops may fail, the exigencies of the occasion may be met with a self-denial which but serves to enrich and ennoble the character, while the next season's output may enable its occupants to realize their highest expectations in the fulfillment of their desires; where man may live near to nature's heart, and be brought in close touch with his Creator, fulfilling his highest obligations to himself and to his fellowmen. Such is the home of Samuel Stevenson, who was born in Weller township, where he now resides, June 29, 1857, the son of Samuel and Jane (Grimes) Stevenson.

His paternal grandfather, Levi Stevenson, came to this county from Beaver county, Pennsylvania, in 1815, and settled in what is now Weller township, where he resided up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1861. He taught the first school that was ever organized in this part of the country. Samuel Stevenson, the father of our subject, was born in the house where our subject now resides and later acquired the property as a homestead. He was born September 4, 1816, and was reared on the farm of his father, from whom he received his early education. His youthful energies were given to the work of the farm, on which he resided up to the time of his marriage, which occurred on April 2, 1846, when he wedded Miss Jane Grimes, also a native of Weller township, where she was born in 1821. They became the parents of eight children, four of whom are living, namely: Mary, the wife of Dr. Ward, of Mansfield, Ohio; Sarah, the wife of J. Y. Scott, of Mansfield; Samuel, of this review, and James, who is also a resident of Mansfield. The mother died in 1888, while the father survived her for a number of years, passing away on March 1, 1898. For sixty-two consecutive years he was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was a true Christian and his life was characterized by intelligence, honesty, sincerity and conscientious worth, traits which are his most enduring epitaphs.

Samuel Stevenson was reared on the farm upon which he now resides and received a good common-school education. He aided his father in the work of the farm and contributed his energies to the general advancement of the family interests up to the time he was thirty years of age, at which time he assumed the entire management of the place, farming it in his own interests. At the time of his father's death he bought out the other heirs, so that he now holds clear title to eighty-five acres of Richland county's choicest land. With the exception of the house all of the improvements on the place are a result of his handiwork.

On January 6, 1887, Mr. Stevenson was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Charles, daughter of Stephen and Amanda (Lewis) Charles, and a native of Weller township. Her father was thrice married. By his first wife he had two children, namely: Washington, who resides in Washington, and Esther, the wife of James Hoffman, of Shelby, Ohio. By his second union he became the father of four children, three sons, Benjamin, Stephen and Samuel, all of whom reside in Texas, and one daughter, Mrs. Maude Seaton, a widow, residing in Plymouth, Ohio. His third union was with Miss Amanda Lewis, and they became the parents of two children, Elijah, of Texas, and Ida M., the wife of our subject. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson has been born one son, Charles, who is attending the high school at Mansfield.

Politically Mr. Stevenson is identified with the republican party. He is an active worker for his party's interests and has served as director of the infirmary, also as justice of the peace. He is a worthy representative of an old and honored family of this county and he is richly endowed with those traits of character which win personal friendship and regard.

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#### OLIVER L. CUNNINGHAM.

Oliver L. Cunningham, a well known and representative member of the Mansfield bar, has so utilized his native powers that he has gained a position of considerable distinction in the difficult and arduous profession of the law. One of the native sons of this city, he was born August 1, 1872, and his life history, largely familiar to his fellow townsmen, has been such as has won for him the respect of all with whom he has been associated.

He is descended from one of the old Colonial families. His great-grandfather, Robert Cunningham, came to America in his boyhood days from the vicinity of Belfast, Ireland, and, espousing the cause of the colonies at the time of the Revolutionary war, he served as a private under General Wayne. He had three children: Mary, Francis and Robert James Cunningham. The last named was the grandfather of our subject and was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania. He early learned the tailor's trade and became one of the pioneer settlers of Lexington, Ohio, where he carried on business. He married Martha Lewis, a representative of one of the earliest families of Richland county and one of the best known at that day. Their family numbered five daughters and a son. Of the daughters Mrs. Samantha Campbell resides



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at Williamsport, North Dakota, and has two children, Ed and Eva. Another daughter became the wife of Dr. Kerr, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and has two children, Rolla and Rella, who are living at that place. Bertha Cunningham, of this family, became the wife of Mr. Bundy and they have three children, one of whom, Bird Bundy, is a teacher in the State Normal School of Missouri; another sister, Sisson, became the wife of Stephen Soles; while Martha Cunningham died at Lexington, Ohio.

Their son, Jacob L. Cunningham, was born at Lexington, Ohio, and in 1871 came to Richland county, settling at Mansfield, where he has since resided. He is a carpenter by trade and has been closely associated with building operations here. He served as a private of Company B, One Hundred and Sixty-third Regiment of Ohio Volunteers, and has always been a loyal advocate of the interests which tend to promote the welfare and upbuilding of county, state and nation. He married Mrs. Jane Black, nee Asbury, who was born at Hanford, Staffordshire, England, and came to the United States when eighteen years of age. She died July 4, 1908. The Asbury family is today a large and prominent one in Philadelphia. She had one brother, Edward Asbury, who was killed in the Civil war. Another brother, Richard Asbury, was a glass painter. She also had five sisters who came to this country, while her mother afterward crossed the Atlantic and died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. James Gilbert, in Milo, Iowa. Harriett Asbury became the wife of Sidney Allison and both were teachers in the reform schools of Ohio, Iowa and California. Clara A. Asbury became the wife of the Rev. William G. Hillman, of Jefferson, Iowa, who died in 1882 and was buried at Grand Junction, Iowa. Sarah Asbury is still living in Jefferson, Iowa. Another sister of the family married John Bramhall, of Des Moines, Iowa, and both are deceased. They left one son, John, who resides at Des Moines. Another sister became the wife of Monroe Glick. They are both deceased, but their son, Frank Glick, resides at Canton, Mississippi. A cousin of this family, Professor W. H. Holmes, of 36 Bowman street, London, England, was musician to the queen of England and at one time was the music teacher of Mrs. Jane Cunningham.

The first husband of Mrs. Cunningham was Horatio B. Black, who was one of the first volunteers of the Civil war and was the first to be brought back dead to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, from which place he had taken out a company that he had raised for active service at the front. There was one child by that marriage, Horatio A. Black, who is now a practicing dentist of Kansas City, Kansas, and Oliver L. Cunningham is the only child of his mother's second marriage.

Oliver L. Cunningham acquired his education in the public schools of Mansfield, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school, with the class of June, 1893. Determining upon the practice of law as a life work, he then entered the office of Jenner & Weldon, with whom he read law for three years, and in June, 1897, was admitted to the bar. Opening an office in the Smith building he has since continued in practice and has been accorded a liberal and distinctively representative clientele that has connected him with much of the important litigation heard in the local courts. He also has a large foreign practice, which is due to the fact that he is an accomplished

linguist, having a knowledge of German, French, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Croatian, Servian and Macedonian tongues. His knowledge of the law is comprehensive and exact, and in the presentation of his cause his deductions follow in logical sequence. He never fails to make deep impress upon court and jury and seldom fails to win the verdict desired.

On the 29th of March, 1902, Mr. Cunningham was married to Miss Anna E. Jesson, a daughter of James Jesson, of Mansfield, a car inspector of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Her brothers and sisters are: George; Walter; Archie; Frank; Lydia, the wife of William J. Elson; Mima; Harriett; and Alice. The family residence is now at Muncie, Indiana. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham have been born two children: Robert Jesson, born September 20, 1904; and Lillian Alice, born August 16, 1906.

In his political views Mr. Cunningham is a democrat, recognized as one of the stalwart supporters of the party, and has served in several local appointments. He is a trustee, secretary and attorney for the Anti-Compulsory Vaccination League of Ohio, which was organized to combat the compulsory vaccination law. He has taken an advanced stand on many questions of public concern and is well known in Mansfield as one who is ever loyal to his honest convictions, while in his profession he has made a favorable record as one whose devotion to his client's interest is proverbial, and yet who never forgets that he owes a still higher allegiance to the majesty of the law. In 1908 he was nominated by the independent party for judge of the supreme court of Ohio, but withdrew in favor of George B. Okey, of Columbus, who was the democratic candidate for that position and was also endorsed by the independent party.

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#### ALEXANDER STEEL.

Alexander Steel was one of the industrious and enterprising agriculturists of Richland county, where he owned and operated one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 6, Jefferson township. In all he had six farms, aggregating seven hundred and twenty-five acres. He brought this farm under a high state of cultivation. He was numbered among Richland county's native sons, his birth having here occurred November 20, 1821. At that time the county bore little resemblance to the improved and thickly settled district which we see today. There were still many evidences of frontier life here and amid pioneer experiences Alexander Steel was reared while spending his boyhood days in the home of his parents, James and Elizabeth (Thissel) Steel. His father was a native of Ireland, whence he came to the new world, but the mother was born in Pennsylvania. Their family numbered seven children, two sons and five daughters. The sons, John and Alexander, are both now deceased and all of the daughters have passed away with the exception of Mrs. Caroline Tobias, who is living in Rochelle, Illinois.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Alexander Steel in his boyhood and youth. He worked in the fields and

acquired his education in the public schools. He always followed the occupations of farming and stock-dealing and became one of the prosperous agriculturists of his community.

On the 26th of March, 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma E. Hosack, who was his second wife. She was born in Richland county, October 15, 1838, and was a daughter of Adam and Margaret (Stout) Hosack. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania and came to this county in 1825, making the journey by a wagon, known as a "prairie schooner." Her father purchased land here, at once began its development and carried on general farming here for many years. He died in 1884, aged eighty-six years, while his wife survived until 1888, dying at the age of eighty-four years. In the family of this worthy couple were six children: John and Cyrus, both of whom are now deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of D. T. Montague, of Xenia, Ohio; Ann M., the widow of G. W. Sagar, and a resident of Fredericktown, Ohio; Mrs. Steel; and Mary J., who resides in Washington, D. C. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Steel were born two daughters: Jennie, now the wife of Harry Heiple, of Oklahoma City, and Edith, the wife of Charles Mock, of Bellville, Ohio.

Throughout his entire life Mr. Steel carried on general farming and achieved a creditable measure of success through his well directed labors. He was a stock buyer, dealing in horses, cattle and hogs. He reached the age of sixty-four years and passed away January 30, 1886, in Richland county, where his entire life had been spent. Those who knew him—and his friends were many—entertained for him the warmest regard because of his faithfulness to all of the duties that devolved upon him as a man and citizen. In his political views he was a republican and gave to the party stalwart support.

Mrs. Steel began teaching school at the age of fifteen years and followed the profession for twelve years, proving a capable instructor and disciplinarian. In the home farm she has one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 6, Jefferson township, and personally manages the property, her fields being operated by able employes, while she gives general supervision to all work. She belongs to the Presbyterian church and is a lady whose many good traits of heart and mind have gained her the esteem and confidence of all with whom she has been brought in contact.

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#### CYRUS H. SHOUP.

Cyrus H. Shoup has lived in Richland county from the age of four years and is numbered among the progressive and enterprising farmers of Plymouth township, his home being on section 30. He was born in Williamson, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, September 4, 1841, a son of John and Hannah (Logue) Shoup.

The father was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, October 30, 1812, and in 1833 arrived in Richland county in company with John and Samuel Kuhn. Later he assisted in making surveys here and being pleased with the

country he resolved to make it is permanent home. He also worked at the carpenter's trade a part of the time during the first period of his residence here and likewise engaged in farming. At length he returned to Pennsylvania, making the entire journey on foot, and was there married to Miss Hannah Logue, who was born at Ellicotts Mills, near Baltimore, Maryland. He returned to Richland county with his wife and two children in 1845 and here his remaining days were passed on the farm which is now owned and operated by his son Cyrus. He was a man of diligence and determination, who improved every opportunity for his financial upbuilding that he might provide a good living for his family. In connection with the tilling of the soil he worked at the carpenter's trade, for there were few builders in the county at that time. In this connection he built many of the early homes and barns of the locality. His life was always one of intense activity up to his later years and he proved a valued and helpful resident of his community. In 1884 he was called to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 3d of December of that year at the age of sixty-five. Mr. Shoup survived her for some time and passed away January 3, 1896. There were ten children in their family, of whom four reached adult age, namely: Cyrus H.; John J., who died in Plymouth in the spring of 1885; Daniel, living in Shelby; and Delila, the wife of A. C. Hartman, of Shelby.

Cyrus H. Shoup was but four years of age when in October, 1845, his father brought the family to Richland county and their home was established in Plymouth township. He has since resided in the same school district. He remained with his parents until his marriage and acquired his education in the public schools near his home. He manifested special aptitude in his studies and afterward engaged in teaching school through the winter seasons for twenty-one years, teaching seventeen winters in three districts. No higher testimonial of his capability could be given nor of the general appreciation entertained for him by the residents of that locality.

At the age of thirty years Mr. Shoup was united in marriage in May, 1871, to Miss Hannah J. Bushey, who was born in Cass township, September 27, 1846, and has always resided in this county. She is a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Fieroved) Bushey, natives of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, who arrived in this county in 1838, settling in Cass township, where they spent their remaining days. The grandfather, Solomon Fieroved, was a soldier of the war of 1812 and died in Cass township at the very venerable age of ninety-two years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Shoup have been born four children: John, who is living on his father's farm near the home property; Inez, the wife of Arthur Hunt, of Berlin Heights, Ohio; Elizabeth; and Cyrus L., at home.

Following his marriage Mr. Shoup purchased fifty-seven acres of land in the spring of 1872 and has resided here continuously since. There was a log house upon the place when he came, but he has since replaced it by a commodious and substantial residence and made many other modern improvements. He also bought his father's old farm, adjoining his home place, in 1897. It is a tract of one hundred and ten acres, so that his total holdings comprise one hundred and sixty-seven acres, all in one body, save for ten acres of woodland.

There are two sets of buildings on the place and the farm is most attractive in its appearance and equipments, indicating in its well tilled fields the careful supervision and practical methods of the owner.

In politics Mr. Shoup is a republican, prominent and active in the work of the party. He served as central committeeman for fifteen or twenty years and was also assessor for five terms. He belongs to the Reformed church of Shelby and to the Grand Army Post at that place, being entitled to membership in the latter from the fact that he did loyal service for his country in the Civil war. On the 27th of May, 1862, he enlisted for three months as a member of Company H, Eighty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged September 20, 1862. It was his intention to enlist again for three years, but he was taken ill and thus prevented from doing so. Later, however, on the 2d of May, 1864, he joined the One Hundred and Sixty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry and was discharged on the 9th of September following. He did duty at Petersburg with the Army of the James under General Butler and was on detached service as a fifer. He now maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Harker Post. He has always been as loyal to his country in days of peace as in days of war and the community coun's upon his cooperation as a sure asset when any movement is in progress for the benefit of the locality.

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#### JOHN KUHN.

It is but fitting that the life record of such a man as John Kuhn should find a prominent place in this volume, who, though he passed away in Richland county many years ago, is still remembered by many of its residents. Mr. Kuhn was born in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, in 1802.

In 1833, in company with his wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Reymer, and was also a native of the Keystone state, and their family, then numbering three children, he removed from the east to Richland county, the journey being made by wagon. His brother Samuel and his family also came in the party. Mr. Kuhn was a miller by trade and followed that occupation in Pennsylvania, but upon his arrival in Richland county he located on a tract of land which he purchased, this comprising one hundred and sixty acres, situated on section 20, Plymouth township. This land had only a short time previously been entered from the government and therefore much of it still remained in its wild and uncultivated state. A small clearing had been made and a log house erected. In this the family took up their abode and lived in true pioneer style, while the labors of Mr. Kuhn in due course of time brought the fields under a high state of cultivation. He replaced the log house with a good frame dwelling, built good barns and other outbuildings and made it a valuable farm property. Mr. Kuhn was here engaged in general farming throughout his remaining days, his death here occurring in 1865, when he had reached the age of sixty-three years. His wife survived until 1883, when she passed away at the age of seventy-two years. After removing to Richland

county five more children were added to the household and the family record is as follows: Mrs. Margaret Patterson, who is deceased; Elizabeth C., Cyrus and Samuel L., all of whom have passed away; Hannah, the widow of Ed Johnson, of Plymouth township; Charlotte, who lives on the old homestead farm; Mrs. Nancy Kirkpatrick, who resides in Detroit, Michigan; and Mary, deceased.

Mr. Kuhn was a member of the Reformed church. He did much for the promotion and progress of every good work in his home locality, donating the land on which the Methodist Episcopal church of Mount Pleasant now stands, and he helped in the erection of the house of worship. He also gave the land for the cemetery, which adjoins the land on which the church stands. In addition to this he also donated the land for the district school, this being known as the Kuhn school. In many other ways Mr. Kuhn bore a prominent part in the development of his section of the county, and he performed many acts of charity in helping others whom he deemed deserving. It is a difficult task to offer a fitting memorial to the life and accomplishments of a man of his character—remarkable in the breadth of his wisdom and in his indomitable perseverance and his strong individuality, and yet one whose entire life had not one esoteric phase, being an open scroll, inviting the closest scrutiny.

Miss Charlotte Kuhn now occupies the old homestead and in the management of the same she is assisted by two nephews, Bert E. and Samuel E., Jr., sons of her brother, Samuel M. Kuhn. Miss Kuhn is a lady of high intellectual attainment and in the management of her business affairs displays good judgment and excellent ability. She is highly respected in the community in which she has always resided and the name is a familiar one throughout Richland county.

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#### NORMAN M. WOLFE.

Norman M. Wolfe, attorney at law of Mansfield, was born in Monroe township, Richland county, Ohio, July 6, 1849. His grandfather, Adam Wolfe, was a soldier of the Revolution. He was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1760, enlisted with the Pennsylvania volunteers, served his country with distinction and was honorably discharged. On the 16th of January, 1790, he married Rachel Oldham and in 1816 removed to Ohio, settling in Monroe township, Richland county. He died April 24, 1845, and the mortal remains of this soldier of the Revolution repose in the little cemetery at Newville, Richland county.

His family numbered ten children, of whom Joseph Wolfe, the father of Norman M. Wolfe, was the seventh. He also was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, November 26, 1801, and on the 1st of December, 1846, was united in marriage to Sarah Mecklem, a native of Beaver county. They had three sons and one daughter. The eldest son and the only daughter, the oldest and the youngest, are deceased, leaving Norman M. Wolfe and his brother, L. L. Wolfe, as the only survivors. The latter now resides on a

farm in Monroe township. The father died January 28, 1875, at the age of seventy-three years, and the mother followed on the 21st of December, 1895, nearly eighty-three years of age. Both are buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Lucas, Ohio. Joseph Wolfe was a man of superior education and of great mental powers. His mathematics included trigonometry and he was of wide and varied experience as a teacher in the public schools of his time. He was a member of the Baptist church. An accident in early life caused him always to be very lame, almost depriving him of the use of one of his limbs, but notwithstanding this he never relinquished agricultural pursuits, and the pioneer of 1816 thenceforth was a farmer resident of Monroe township, where he died and was buried, honored and respected by the entire community.

Judge Norman M. Wolfe was reared on his father's farm and acquired his early education in the old district school a mile away. He afterward prepared for college at Greentown Academy in Perrysville, Ohio, under the able instruction of Professor J. C. Sample, pursuing his studies there for several years. He taught school much of the time during the winter months and thus secured the funds necessary to meet the expenses of his academic course in the summer, and eventually was promoted to the position of assistant teacher of mathematics in the academy. His college work was commenced in the University of Wooster which he entered in 1873, there spending two years. He further pursued his studies in Amherst College, Massachusetts. During the time he was engaged in teaching he became the principal of the high school at Lucas, Ohio, and also of Mahoning Institute, a select school then located at Ellsworth, Mahoning county.

Judge Wolfe began the study of law April 14, 1876, first at Shelby, Ohio, and afterwards with the firm of Dickey & Jenner at Mansfield, Ohio, being admitted to the practice of his profession by the supreme court of Ohio on the 7th of May, 1878. Mr. Wolfe has held the following elective offices: township clerk of Monroe township from April, 1872, until April, 1874,—two terms of one year each; city solicitor of Mansfield from April, 1879, until April, 1883,—two terms of two years each; member of the board of education of Mansfield, from April, 1886, until April, 1892,—two terms of three years each, and during that time was favored by his associates with the position of clerk and president of the board; judge of the court of common pleas for the second subdivision of the sixth judicial district of Ohio for two terms of five years each. He was first elected to the bench in the fall of 1891, assuming the duties of his office in February, 1892, and terminating his second term on the 9th of February, 1902. Twice during this period he was selected by his associates as presiding judge. It is said of Mr. Wolfe that in the discharge of the high and important duties of his office he was always fearless, prompt and impartial, displaying at all times careful study and distinguished ability.

In 1877 Mr. Wolfe was appointed by the court of common pleas one of the members of the first board of trustees of the memorial library board for the city of Mansfield and Madison township, just then created by act of the general assembly, which position he held until his election to the bench. In

1903 he was again selected and appointed by the mayor one of the members of the first board of five trustees of the municipal library of Mansfield, and at its organization he was elected president of the board, and still continues its presiding officer.

On the 1st of December, 1879, Judge Wolfe formed his first law partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr. W. H. Pritchard, under the firm name of Pritchard & Wolfe, which association continued until December, 1884, when Mr. Pritchard removed with his family to the territory of Washington, whereupon Mr. Wolfe formed a partnership with Mr. J. P. Henry under the firm name of Wolfe & Henry. This continued until his accession to the bench in 1892. Immediately after his retirement from the judgeship in 1902, he again entered actively into the practice of his profession at Mansfield, forming a partnership with Messrs. Cummings and McBride and adding the name Wolfe to the old firm. He forthwith entered an active field where he may yet be found. He has been a well known factor in connection with the public buildings in the city of his residence, being a member of the board which erected the Memorial Library building and playhouse attached. He was also a member of the school board when the magnificent structure known as the high school was erected on Fourth street. Indeed he enjoys the distinction of first pointing out the hitherto unthought of site at the corner of Fourth and Bowman. He was also a member of the municipal library board which purchased the site and erected the free public library between Walnut and Mulberry on West Third street.

Judge Wolfe was married on the 22d of September, 1877, to Miss Jennie Leiter, daughter of Jacob Leiter, of Monroe township. They became the parents of six children, four of whom still survive: Grace M., wife of Dr. George W. Kenson, residing in Mansfield; and Fred W., Fay F. and Norman L., who reside with their parents in Mansfield. Mr. Wolfe is an active member of substantially all the Masonic fraternities, including Mansfield Commandery and the Dayton Consistory, and is likewise identified with the Mystic Club. He is also a member of the Beta Theta Pi, the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and a member of the Presbyterian church. He is a man free from ostentation or display. His jovial nature and fund of humor, combined with strong and sterling qualities and his unimpeachable integrity, have gained him a favorable place in the regard of his fellow townsmen.

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#### SAMUEL ANDREWS.

Samuel Andrews needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, from the fact that he is a native son of the county and one who in his business affairs has come in contact with many of the citizens of this part of the state, who have learned to respect and esteem him because of what he has accomplished in the business world and the methods which he has followed. He was born on the farm in Monroe township, where he now lives, and his natal day was

MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL ANDREWS.





July 29, 1840. His parents were James and Lavina (Carrick) Andrews, the former a native of Jefferson county, Ohio, where they were married. In 1823 they located in Monroe township, Richland county, taking up their abode upon the farm which is now owned and occupied by Samuel Andrews. It had previously been purchased from the government by Colonel John Andrews, the grandfather of our subject, who had served his country in the war of 1812. He was a native of Adams county, Pennsylvania, and spent his last years in Jefferson county, Ohio. Few improvements had been made on the place when James Andrews took up his abode thereon and there were many evidences of pioneer life throughout the county. He built a log cabin for a temporary residence and later provided his family with a more comfortable home and made a good farm, which he continued to cultivate and improve until his life's labors were ended in death in 1850, when he was fifty-four years of age. Unto him and his wife were born the following named sons and daughter: John G., who lived in Michigan for many years but is now located in Missouri; James, who died in Warsaw, Indiana, in 1898; William, who passed away in 1892; Mary J., who died at Beaver Dam, Indiana, in 1907; David, a surgeon of the One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, who died at Vicksburg; Joseph, who served in the Sixty-fourth Ohio Infantry in the Civil war and now resides in Jewell county, Kansas; and Samuel.

The last named was reared on his father's farm and acquired his education in the district schools. Like his brothers, he fought in defense of the Union in the dark days of the Civil war, enlisting as a private on the 9th of October, 1861, for three years' service with the Sixth Ohio Independent Battery. He was mustered in at Mansfield and afterward was at Louisville, Columbia and Jamestown, Kentucky. At the last named place he assisted in guarding the approaches to the Cumberland river and from that point went to Nashville, Tennessee, and on to Corinth, being there at the time of the evacuation of that city. The regiment thence proceeded to Huntsville, Alabama, and afterward to Stephenson, in the same state, finally returning to Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Andrews was there taken ill and was sent to Cincinnati, Ohio, where, on account of physical disability, he was honorably discharged on the 2d day of November, 1862. He at once returned home and assumed the management of the Andrews farm, which became his property in 1874, when he bought the interests of the other heirs.

Mr. Andrews was married on the 9th of June, 1864, to Miss Amanda Katherine Wiles, a sister of the Rev. Dr. Wiles, who was well and favorably known as a minister of the gospel in this part of the state. She was born near Middletown, Maryland, January 21, 1836, and acquired her education in the district schools of that locality. She became ill about two years prior to her death, and growing gradually worse, she passed away on the 1st of June, 1908, and was laid to rest in St. John's cemetery in Monroe township. At an early age she united with the Lutheran church and remained a consistent Christian woman throughout life. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrews: Cary S., who is now associated in the grain trade with Mr. Peary, of Lucas; Minnie, at home; Alta, the wife of Frank Inks, of Knox county, Ohio; Lavina and Lloyd, both at home; Herman, deceased; and one who died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Andrews is a staunch republican, a consistent voter for the party and an earnest worker for its principles, yet he has never been an office seeker, nor has he desired the rewards of office for his party fealty. He prefers to concentrate his time and energies upon his business affairs and is accounted one of the leading general farmers of the county, being the owner of one hundred and fifty-six acres of good land, which is highly cultivated. Since his father's death he has erected a modern and commodious residence upon the old homestead and also a large barn. Other improvements have been made and none of the accessories of the model farm of the twentieth century are here lacking. He keeps alive the memory of his military experiences through his association with the Grand Army Post of Lucas and is one of its past commanders. He is a devoted member and generous supporter of the Lutheran church and he and his family regularly attend its services, and also give their aid to many movements which are calculated to advance the material, intellectual and moral progress of the community.

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#### GEORGE W. TERMAN.

George W. Terman finds occupation in the operation of a well improved farm of one hundred and thirty acres, situated in Madison township, which he owns. He is a native son of this township, his birth having here occurred on the 14th of April, 1857. His parents were James and Maria (Cline) Terman, the former born near Carlisle, Pennsylvania, whence he came to Richland county in the early '40s, where his remaining days were passed, his death occurring in 1888. The mother was a resident of Richland county, where her death also occurred. In the family of this worthy couple were born eight children: John, who died at the age of fifty years; Weller, who departed this life when thirty-six years of age; James, who died from injuries received by the kick of a horse; Richard, an engineer, making his home in Mansfield; William, who died when aged forty years; George W., of this review; Joseph, who died at the age of twenty years; and Mary, who married Ambrose Moore.

George W. Terman, the sixth son of the family, was educated in the district schools of Madison township and made his start in life as a teamster, conducting business in Mansfield. He was very successful in this undertaking and acquired a competence which eventually enabled him to purchase a farm, this tract being located on Main street near the city of Mansfield. He operated that farm for some time and then disposed of it, investing his capital in his present tract of land, comprising one hundred and thirty acres, situated in Madison township. He has improved this place with good buildings and has a comfortable home and is successfully engaged in raising the various cereals best adapted to soil and climate. He is energetic and enterprising in carrying on his agricultural pursuits and his success is therefore well deserved.

On the 24th of November, 1882, occurred the marriage of Mr. Terman and Miss Julia Bush, who is likewise a native of Madison township. Their union has been blessed with three sons and a daughter: LeRoy, who is operating

a farm which adjoins his father on the west; Earl, a high-school student in Mansfield; and Blanch and Ira D., both at home.

Mr. Terman gives his political support to the men and measures of the democratic party and for four years served as ditch supervisor. He and his wife are members of the English Lutheran church, while his fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Mansfield. His success has been by no means the result of fortunate circumstances, but it has come to him through energy, labor and perseverance, directed by an evenly balanced mind and by honorable principles, and he therefore enjoys the high regard of his neighbors and friends, in which his estimable wife also shares.

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#### GEORGE WILEY BLYMYER.

Few men are more prominent or more widely known in the enterprising city of Mansfield than George W. Blymyer, president of the Blymyer Brothers Company, hardware. He was born on the 31st of October, 1839, in Schellburg, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Benjamin Blymyer, a native of Shippensburg, that state. The father made his home in Schellburg for several years, all of his children being born there, and in 1843 brought his family to Ohio, locating in Mansfield, where he embarked in the hardware business, which has been continued by his sons and grandsons up to the present day. Theirs is the oldest established business in the city and has occupied the same location since 1849. The father conducted a retail store until 1854, when his sons, William H. and Benjamin F., succeeded him under the name of Blymyer & Brother, and embarked in the wholesale business, theirs being the first wholesale house started in Mansfield to do a jobbing business throughout a large section of this state. The jobbing houses of the city up to this time had confined themselves to their immediate locality. After a useful and well spent life the father died in December, 1860, at the age of fifty-eight years. He was a true type of the old-fashioned gentleman, courteous, thoroughly reliable and ever true to his convictions. He was known by nearly everyone throughout Richland county and was held in the highest respect.

In 1858 Blymyer & Brother began the manufacture of a machine invented by D. M. Cook, a farmer of this county, to make sugar from sorghum, it being the first successful invention for that purpose. Up to this time sorghum had been raised in this country only experimentally, but upon the introduction of this machine they began a series of systematic demonstrations at the county and state fairs throughout the country and induced the farmers to plant sorghum extensively, they importing the seed from China and Japan. The growing of sorghum developed very rapidly and at the outbreak of the Civil war, when the price of sugar became exorbitant, the use of this machine proved a Godsend to the country, and it is to these enterprising citizens of Mansfield that the credit is due for the prevention of a famine in that necessity. This branch of their business grew so rapidly that it became necessary to organize for it a separate concern and the firm of Blymyer, Bates & Day was

formed, taking in J. S. Blymyer, A. T. Bates and Mathias Day, Jr. This firm was later succeeded by Blymyer, Day & Company, incorporated.

This broadening of their operations necessitated more help and in 1859 George W. Blymyer became bookkeeper and assistant manager for the firm of Blymyer & Brother, which in 1885 became incorporated under the name of The Blymyer Brothers Company, this being the beginning of a continuous service in the business at the same location extending over fifty years. In 1863 he purchased the interest of his brother B. F. and since that time has been the active head of the business, which has had a continuous growth from the beginning. They enjoy a large wholesale as well as retail trade. G. W. Blymyer has confined his interests alone to this business with the exception of having invested to a large extent in Mansfield real estate. Among his holdings are the business house at No. 17 North Main street; The Blymyer, a fashionable boarding house on Park avenue West and Mulberry street; and a modern flat building on Sturges avenue. His residence is on Blymyer avenue in the Blymyer and Black addition, named in honor of his father, a part of the addition being a piece of his property and later coming into possession of Moses Black and B. F. Blymyer's heirs, who laid out the addition. Our subject has a winter home at Daytona, Florida, where he spends the winter months, that town having been laid out by Mathias Day, of Mansfield.

Mr. Blymyer was only four years old when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Mansfield and he began his education in an old log school house by the Big Spring on East Fourth street. One of his most pleasant recollections of that period is the annual sled ride given by Levi Zimmerman and James H. Cook, directors of the school, to its pupils. Mr. Zimmerman is still living and is one of the few survivors of that period. Later Mr. Blymyer attended a private school conducted by Mr. Hurty in an old two-story frame building where the Young Men's Christian Association building now stands. He was afterward a pupil at the academy on Mulberry street, which later became the Catholic church, this being taught by Rev. Mr. Rowland; Mr. Johnston, who afterward became congressman; and Mr. John Ogden. He was next under the instruction of Mr. Mills, who taught in a two-story brick building, where the Catholic church now stands, and upon the adoption of the present school system and the establishment of the first high school on the east side of South Main street near First street, he became one of its original pupils. Later the high school was removed to the present location of the Catholic church and there he completed his education, being one of the three members of the highest class during his last year, that of 1856-7. The classes had not been systematized for graduation at that time. After leaving school Mr. Blymyer entered the dry goods store of Avery & Askew, next door to Blymyer & Brother, remaining as a clerk in their employ for two years, when he entered upon his present business career.

On the 15th of June, 1864, Mr. Blymyer was married in Mansfield to Miss Caroline S. Cook, a daughter of James H. and Mary (Wiler) Cook, and a granddaughter of Jabez Cook and John Wiler, two of the oldest citizens of Mansfield, having settled here prior to 1815. As an enterprising and public-spirited man, her father probably did as much toward the upbuilding and development

of the city than any one person in its history. He is now deceased, but Mrs. Cook is still living at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, her father, John Wiler, being a centenarian at the time of his death. Mrs. Blymyer passed away on the 29th of June, 1902. She was the mother of three children: William H., now an attorney of New York city; Mary E., who is at home with her father; and George W., Jr., who is now practically at the head of the Blymyer Brothers Company.

Mr. Blymyer is quite prominent socially, being a member of the Elks; one of the organizers of the Mohican Club, of Mansfield; and a member of the Westbrook Country Club. He also belongs to the Florida East Coast Automobile Club and the Halifax River Yacht Club, of Daytona, of which he has had the honor of being the commodore. Since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln he has been a stanch supporter of the republican party and has taken an active interest in local politics, serving on the city council in the early '80s, when the present sewer and park system of streets was inaugurated, and became foremost in those movements. He takes a just pride in having forced the street railway to move their poles back into the grass plots from the street where they had been previously planted along the curb, making a very unsightly street.

For many years Mr. Blymyer was prominent in musical circles, serving as director of the choir of the First Congregational church without salary, and was one of the founders of the Philharmonic Society, for many years the leading musical organization of the city. He always served wherever needed and often as a director. He was a trustee and treasurer of the First Congregational church for some years and while the church had previously been deficit every year, he left the office with a good sum in the treasury, having inaugurated a new system of collecting. His life is exemplary in all respects and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving of the highest commendation. Unassuming in manner, he is genial but dignified and has a host of friends throughout Richland county, while wherever known he is held in the highest regard by his associates.

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#### JAMES HARVEY CRAIG, M. D.

Dr. James Harvey Craig needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for the name of Craig, as borne by father and son, has long figured prominently in connection with the medical and surgical interests of Mansfield. Dr. Craig has practiced here continuously since he qualified for the profession and his ability places him prominently among the representatives of the medical fraternity in this part of Ohio. He was born in Ontario, Richland county, July 26, 1857.

His paternal grandfather was Samuel Carson Craig, whose ancestors came from Scotland in the early settlement of the county. His son, Dr. James W. Craig, occupied for many years a place among the eminent surgeons of the

state, nor was he less proficient in the administration of remedial agencies which check the ravages of disease and restore health. He stood, too, among those men whose salient characteristics commend them to the respect and honor of their fellows. He was born in St. Clairsville, Ohio, January 17, 1821. His father had settled in Belmont county at an early day and afterward removed to Richland county, establishing his home near Shelby, where he spent the remainder of his life upon the farm. James W. Craig, however, remained upon the farm for only a brief period, for at the age of nine years he returned to Belmont county to live with an uncle, who was a lawyer and who desired to educate him for the legal profession. He attended school in that county and when old enough began reading law, but did not find the pursuit of knowledge in that line especially congenial. His taste led him into the medical field and at the age of seventeen years he went to Harrison county, Ohio, where he engaged in teaching school for two years, while his leisure hours were devoted to the mastery of the principles of the science of medicine. Returning to Shelby, he became a student in the office of Dr. John Mack and later in the Western Reserve Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1851.

Thus equipped for his profession, Dr. Craig located for practice in Ontario in the month of April of that year and continued a representative of his profession in the village for nineteen years, after which he sought the broader field of labor offered at Mansfield. He rose to eminence as a physician and surgeon, becoming recognized as one of the most distinguished representatives of the profession in this section of the state, nor was his reputation bounded by the confines of Ohio, for he was called into all sections of the country as far west as Utah and Texas, as far east as New York and as far south as Virginia, to perform surgical operations or aid in the care of the sick. He was one of the pioneers in abdominal surgery and was one of the first to prove the success of operations of that character. He kept at all times abreast with the best thinking men of the age in his profession and through experiment, research and investigation contributed not a little to the knowledge of the profession.

He was one of the organizers of the Northern Central Ohio Medical Society, which embraces in its membership the leading physicians and surgeons of fifteen counties. He always remained an active and valued member thereof and was one of its early presidents. He likewise belonged to the Ohio State Medical Society, of which he was once vice president, and he held membership in the American Medical Association. He was an indefatigable worker in his chosen calling and no matter what the hour or weather, he was ever ready to respond to the call of duty, and the financial and social condition of the patient was the least of his concern. His broad humanitarian spirit prompted his best effort wherever his professional aid was needed. For years he scarcely knew the meaning of the word rest, so fully was his time occupied in his practice, and he always maintained the highest standard of professional ethics.

Dr. Craig was a lover of scientific research along other lines, being especially interested in the natural sciences, and during his life he accumulated a valuable collection of geographical, archaeological, ornithological and other

specimens, curios, etc., which he kindly loaned to the Memorial Museum when that important adjunct of the public schools was established.

Dr. Craig was at all times devoted to his home and family. His interests centered there and he found his greatest happiness at his own fireside. On the 24th of January, 1854, he wedded Miss Eliza McConnell, who survived him for several years, but passed away on the 25th of January, 1907. Their children were: May, the wife of M. O. Gates; Maggie, the wife of Dr. J. S. Hedges; Wilda, the wife of Louis A. Ewing, of Boulder, Colorado; and Dr. J. Harvey Craig, of this review. All are still residents of Mansfield.

In his political views Dr. Craig was a whig in early life, but on the organization of the republican party he joined its ranks and continued faithful to it through the remainder of his life. He was appointed a member of the pension bureau during President Arthur's administration but resigned his position on the accession of the democrats to power. Both he and his wife were devoted members of the United Presbyterian church, took active interest in its work and did all in their power for its upbuilding. The death of Dr. Craig occurred August 15, 1895, when he was seventy-four years of age. He was a man of forceful character and a student of nature, an industrious toiler for his fellowmen, devoted to his friends and to the practice of his chosen profession. Undoubtedly his death was hastened by the fact that he devoted his time and energies so untiringly and assiduously to his professional labors.

He always remained a student of his profession and never felt that he had learned all that there was to be known of a case or a specific disease. He was constantly alert for new developments and thus he constantly promoted his efficiency. He was received as the loved family physician in many a household, while his service in surgical lines gained him eminence as a representative of that branch of the profession. He recognized as few men seem to do that the issues of life and death were in his hands and he met his duties with a feeling of conscientious responsibility. Those who knew him in more strictly social relations found him a most pleasant and genial companion and one whose mind was enriched by his researches in the realms of knowledge as stored up in the works of authors of all ages. In community affairs he was interested and did what he could for the upbuilding of the community in which he lived, and the news of his death brought a sense of personal bereavement to the greater majority of the citizens in Mansfield and Richland county.

His son, James Harvey Craig, who is his successor in the practice of medicine, spent the first thirteen years of his life in his native village of Ontario and during that period mastered the elementary branches of English learning. The family then removed to Mansfield, where he continued in school for a time, and later he became a student in Geneva College at West Geneva, Ohio. When his literary education was completed he took up the study of medicine under the direction of his father and attended a course of lectures in the medical department of the Western Reserve College at Cleveland, being graduated there in 1885. Since that time he has been actively and successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession.

Dr. Craig was married to Miss Minnie Rank, of Mansfield, and they have one son, J. Harry Craig, born October 28, 1899, and who is a student in West

First Street school. He is prominent in the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Vienna Lodge, No. 152, A. F. & A. M., and of Mansfield Chapter, No. 28, R. A. M. In politics he is a stalwart democrat, belonging to the Central Committee and doing all in his power to further the interests of his party. He belongs to the Presbyterian church and is a member of the North Central Ohio Medical Society, of the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He owns and occupies a beautiful and spacious home at No. 47 Mulberry street in Mansfield.

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#### JOHN B. NIMAN.

Business success is never attributable to any fortunate combination of circumstances, but results from close application, capable management and correct judgment as to the conditions of trade. These qualities have been manifested in the business career of John B. Niman, proprietor of the Union Foundry & Machine Works. He was born in Richland county, September 25, 1838, his parents being John and Margaret (Bradley) Niman, both of whom were natives of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. The father came to Richland county in 1815 and settled on a farm near Mansfield, becoming one of the pioneer settlers of this portion of the state and contributing in substantial measure to its early development. He removed to the city in 1852 and died here September 30, 1864. His wife survived him for many years and died February 23, 1895. She walked the entire distance from Greensburg, a town about fifteen miles from Pittsburg, to Mansfield, arriving here on the 20th of March, 1820. Unto Mr. and Mrs. John Niman were born nine children, of whom two are living—John B., who is the sixth in the order of birth, and James A., who is now the oldest undertaker of Mansfield as regards the number of years connected with the business. Three of the sons—John, William and Jerry—all served as soldiers of the Civil war.

John B. Niman spent his boyhood to the age of twelve years on the home farm and then removed to Mansfield, acquiring his education in the country schools and in the public schools of the city. At the age of nineteen years he became a member of the band of the Fifteenth Ohio Regiment and was mustered in September 17, 1861, as a musician. When the regimental bands were mustered out by general order in 1862 Mr. Niman returned and reenlisted as sergeant in the One Hundred and Sixty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he remained until the expiration of his term of service. He had previously worked at cabinetmaking, and in 1872 with others he started the Union Foundry & Machine Works. Gradually one after another dropped out of the business and about four years ago Mr. Niman became sole proprietor. He has been very successful in this line, for though he started out on borrowed capital he now owns the entire business, which is conducted under the name of the Union Foundry & Machine Works. His plant is well equipped and a liberal patronage is enjoyed. In addition to acquiring this business Mr. Niman has become the owner of a building containing six flats



JOHN B. NIMAN.



called "The Niman," at the corner of Mulberry street and Park avenue, west. It is the finest modern apartment building in the city and in addition he owns one of the attractive homes in Mansfield, which he built in 1868 and which is situated at No. 245 West Fourth street.

The year following the erection of this place Mr. Niman was married at Mansfield, on the 11th of February, 1869, to Miss Hattie P. Ayres, a native of Rochester, New York. They have five daughters: Ella E., now the wife of Walter M. Bisbee, of Chicago; Flora A., the wife of James L. Birch, of St. Louis; Aleene, at home; Hattie P., the wife of Dr. Alvin Lee, of Mansfield; and Carrie B., the wife of S. N. Burson, of Chicago.

Mr. Niman maintains friendly relations with his old army comrades and was past commander of McLaughlin Post, No. 131, G. A. R. He is also a member of the National Union, a fraternal organization, and of the Congregational church, in which he has served as a trustee for six years. In politics he is a republican and has always taken a general interest in questions of the day, upon which he is inclined to be conservative rather than radical. While he has reached the age of three score years and ten, he is still an active business man and in his spirits and interests seems yet in his prime. His life record has been one of well directed activity and as the years have passed he has attained a creditable position in the business world.

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#### MRS. FANNY HUGHES.

Mrs. Fanny Hughes is living in Weller township, Richland county, where her entire life has been passed. She was born here January 25, 1831, and has therefore reached the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey. She was a daughter of Charles and Ann (Ward) Palmer, who were of English descent and came to this county in 1819, settling in Weller township, where her father purchased land. There were but comparatively few residents in the county at that time and much of the land was still uncultivated, while the forests were largely uncut. Mr. Palmer, however, bore his full share in the work of general development and improvement, while at the same time he carried on the work of the home farm.

Mrs. Hughes was the ninth in order of birth in a family of thirteen children. She attended the district schools in her girlhood days and in early womanhood she gave her hand in marriage to David Hughes, who was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, February 5, 1825, and was one of a family of ten children, all of whom are now deceased. He arrived in Richland county in 1837, when a youth of twelve years, and here continued to make his home until called to his final rest. He was a lifelong farmer, working diligently and persistently in carrying on the task of developing the fields and as the years passed he prospered in his undertakings, so that at the time of his death he was the owner of one hundred and seventy-five acres of valuable land, from which he derived a gratifying annual income.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were born the following children: C. M., who is living in this county; Olive A., who is at home with her mother; Adaline, the wife of Rev. Edward Hagerman, who is now located in Des Moines, Iowa; Josephine, at home; Melvin and Luella, both deceased; George H., who makes his home in Mansfield, Ohio; Frank, of this county; and one who died in infancy. The husband and father departed this life August 19, 1890, and his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, not only to his immediate family but also to many friends. In politics he was a republican, always loyal to the party and its interests and for four years he served as township treasurer. The home property at the time of his death comprised one hundred and seventy-five acres and Mrs. Hughes still owns one hundred and three acres of this and personally manages her business affairs. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and an earnest Christian woman, whose life has been in harmony with her profession. She has always endeavored to do good to those with whom she has come in contact and never by word or deed to cast reflection upon the church with which she is connected. Her many good qualities have won her high regard and she has many friends among young and old, rich and poor.

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#### ABE S. LANTZ.

Abe S. Lantz is a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of Richland county and the farm on which he today makes his home has been his place of residence from the age of three years. He is a native son of the Buckeye state, born in Ashland county, August 29, 1862, and is the eighth in order of birth in a family of nine children, four sons and five daughters, whose parents were Samuel and Leah (Brubaker) Lantz. The father was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, July 3, 1821, while the mother's birth occurred in Ashland county, Ohio, July 24, 1825. The father passed away May 5, 1903, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-two years but the mother is still living and makes her home with our subject. The record of the family is as follows: Henry B., a resident of Perry township; Catherine, who makes her home in Bellville; Harriet, who has passed away; Benjamin, also deceased; Mary M., the wife of W. O. Thuma, of Morrow county, this state; Albert W., a resident of Jefferson township; Fannie E., the wife of H. H. Shenefield, of Johnsville, Ohio; Abe S., whose name introduces this review; and Sarah J., the wife of J. N. Hosler, of Johnsville.

Mr. Lantz was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He was a little lad of three years at the time of the parents' removal from Ashland county to Richland county, at which time the family located on a farm in Perry township, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of land. After reaching years of maturity he rented the homestead property which he has since operated. This is a well improved tract, supplied with all conveniences and accessories

necessary to farm life and each year he harvests abundant crops as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon the fields.

It was on the 10th of September, 1896, that Mr. Lantz was united in marriage to Miss Ada C. Steel, who was born in Perry township, a daughter of John and Mary (Campbell) Steel, and one of a family of twelve children. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children but the eldest died in infancy, those living being Paul A. and Esther S.

Politically Mr. Lantz has allied himself with the democratic party and at the present time is serving as a member of the school board. His fraternal relations are with K. P. Lodge, No. 352, at Bellville, and Mrs. Lantz is a member of the Evangelical church. He is quiet and unassuming in manner, refusing political preferment and avoiding publicity, and no citizen of Richland county is held in higher esteem than is Mr. Lantz.

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#### ABRAHAM J. BAUGHMAN.

Abraham J. Baughman, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Cunningham) Baughman, was born in Monroe township, Richland county, Ohio, September 5, 1838. Abraham Baughman, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born on the Atlantic ocean as his parents were coming from Wurtemberg, Germany, to America. Upon the arrival of the Baughman family in America they settled for a while in the Cumberland valley in Pennsylvania. In time, Abraham Baughman, the child that was born on the Atlantic ocean, arrived at manhood and was married to Mary Katharine Deeds, and to this union eight children were born, five sons and three daughters, namely: Adam, John, Abraham, Jacob and George. The daughters were Katharine, Lovace and Elizabeth. Adam Baughman married a Miss Huffman, of Pittsburg; John married Betsy Weyant, of this state; Abraham married Susan Weyant, a sister of his brother John's wife; Jacob married Elizabeth Cunningham, the eldest daughter of Captain James Cunningham, who was a Richland county pioneer; George Baughman never married. They are all now deceased. Of the daughters, Katharine married a Mr. Black, of Tuscarawas county; Lovace married a Mr. Gayman, of Pittsburg; and Elizabeth married a Mr. Zimmerman, of Tennessee.

In about 1803 Abraham Baughman and family removed from Cumberland to Washington county, in the same state, then to Ohio, where they became the first settlers in the valley of the Blackfork of the Mohican, near the old Indian village of Greentown. The exact date of their locating here is not known, but the early historians place it at not later than 1807, and possibly earlier.

Of grandfather Abraham Baughman's sons, after their marriage, Adam settled in Franklin county, near New Albany. John settled in Wayne county, east of Wooster, and the township where he located was named in his honor. Abraham came to Wayne county to visit his brother John, married Miss Weyant and later joined his father's family in Monroe township, Richland

county. Jacob Baughman, after the death of his parents, married and resided the greater part of his life in Monroe township. He died in 1855 and was buried in the Perrysville cemetery. George Baughman died in 1850 and is also buried at Perrysville.

The three older children having married before the death of their father, Jacob Baughman, his widow and her two younger children—Abraham J. and Sade Elizabeth—lived together during the remainder of the mother's life, a period of nearly forty years. Soon after being left a widow, Mrs. Baughman removed to Bellville, and later to Mansfield, where the son and daughter still reside at the old home on South Adams street.

A. J. Baughman, the subject of this sketch, taught school and read law in his teens, and upon the breaking out of the Civil war, he volunteered at President Lincoln's first call for troops, and was mustered into the service April 22, 1861, as a member of Captain Miller Moody's Company I, Sixteenth Ohio Infantry, Army of the Tennessee, and after he was mustered out of the First-Call service he enlisted for three years in Company E, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but was discharged for physical disability before the expiration of his term of enlistment. Mr. Baughman and his sister Sade are printers and have spent the greater part of their lives in the newspaper business. In 1885, Mr. Baughman was appointed to a clerkship in the United States senate, and his sister Sade to a clerkship in the treasury department at Washington, which positions they held for several years. Mr. Baughman during that time in addition to his clerical work was attached to the Washington bureau of the New York World and the Chicago Inter-Ocean. Upon his return to Ohio, Mr. Baughman devoted his time largely to historical work.

Upon the unveiling of the Johnny Appleseed monument in the Sherman-Heineman park, Mansfield, Mr. Baughman delivered the address of the occasion, which was copied in whole or in part by the leading magazines and newspapers of the country. He has edited and published the following newspapers: The Canal Fulton Herald, The Medina Democrat, The Mansfield Call, The Mansfield Democrat and the New Philadelphia Evening News, and the papers upon which he has been employed are the Marion Star, the Steubenville Gazette, and the New Philadelphia Ohio Democrat, and while the editor of the latter, during the Bryan campaign of 1896, he did his best political editorial work, the democracy regaining control of the county and electing its entire county ticket, for which success Mr. Baughman was given the credit.

Mr. Baughman has written biographical and historical sketches of several counties and conceded to be the best informed man on local history in Richland county; he knows the townships of the county as a farmer knows his fields. Through the efforts and work of Mr. Baughman the Richland County Historical Society was organized in November, 1898, and he became its secretary, which position he continues to hold. He was also secretary of the Mansfield Centennial Commission through its two years of preparatory work, resulting in a celebration of the centennial founding of Mansfield, June 8, 1908—a celebration of which every citizen of Richland county could well be proud.

Mr. Baughman did feature writing for the Mansfield Daily News for a number of years, to which paper he is still an occasional contributor. He was also employed on the Daily Shield for a number of years, with which paper he severed his connection in January, 1908, at which time the paper passed into the hands of a new management.

Mr. Baughman not content with confining his historical work to Richland county, became a life member of The Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society, January 1, 1903. He was one of the two delegates from Ohio to the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, held in Chicago, in December, 1904. Mr. Baughman, both by heredity, inclination and training, belongs to the historical class of literary workers. Ohio history has especially been his field of labor, and he has contributed many articles to the state publication. He is now a trustee of the state society and a member of its executive board. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, is a trustee of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial building at Mansfield, and is the secretary of its board of trustees.

Although German in name, Mr. Baughman, in sentiment and feeling is inclined to his mother's (Irish) people, but is thoroughly American in thought, purpose and patriotism and is a "Buckeye" to the manor born. He is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church.

Mr. Baughman is five feet nine inches in height, with an average weight of about one hundred and sixty pounds. He has blue-grey eyes, and the dark hair of his youth silvered before he had reached the age of fifty years.

Part of the credit of the success of Mr. Baughman's literary career is due to his sister, Miss Sade E. Baughman, who has been his co-worker in all of his newspaper, literary and historical work.

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#### ISAAC FERGUESON.

The farm of forty acres situated on section 34, Monroe township, whereon Isaac Fergueson now makes his home has been in the possession of the family for more than eight decades. He was born in a log cabin upon this farm, May 3, 1842, a son of John and Asenath (Morrel) Fergueson, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state. It was in the early '20s that they came to Richland county, Ohio, and purchased the farm now owned and occupied by our subject, buying the land from Edmon Rose, who had entered it from the government. Here they spent their remaining days, the mother passing to her final rest in 1876, while the father died in 1891.

Their family numbered nine children but five of the number are deceased, those living being: Lovina and Almira, who reside with our subject; Isaac, of this review; and Irvin, a resident of Cleveland.

Isaac Fergueson was early trained to the duties of the farm, assisting his father from the time of early spring planting until the crops were harvested in the late autumn, while during the winter months he pursued his studies in the common schools. He remained with his father until the latter's

death, and he is now the owner of the old homestead property, comprising forty acres, situated on section 34, Monroe township. Here he is engaged in general farming, each year harvesting abundant crops as a reward for the care and labor he bestows upon the fields.

Mr. Fergeson has firm faith in the principles and platform of the democracy and for two years served as assessor, while for eight years he served as a member of the school board. Having spent his entire life in Richland county, he is widely and favorably known and no man is more familiar with its history than is Mr. Fergeson.

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#### H. B. LANTZ.

A well developed and highly improved farm of ninety-five acres, situated in Perry township, is the property of H. B. Lantz, who has lived in this district for the past forty years. He was born on a farm in Weller township, Richland county, July 7, 1844, a son of Samuel and Leah (Brubaker) Lantz, the former born in Richland county, July 3, 1821, while his death occurred May 5, 1903. The mother is still living and now makes her home on the old homestead farm with her son, Abe S. Lantz, who is mentioned on another page of this work. Their family numbered nine children, the record being as follows: H. B., whose name introduces this record; Catherine, the widow of Samuel Joslyn, of Bellville; Harriet, deceased; Frank, who died in 1889; Mary, the wife of W. O. Thuma, a farmer, residing near Johnsville, in Morrow county; A. W., a resident farmer of Jefferson township; Fanny, the wife of H. H. Schenefield, of Johnsville; Abe S., who lives on the homestead farm in Perry township; and Sarah Jane, the wife of J. M. Hostler, of Johnsville.

H. B. Lantz, the eldest child in his father's family, began his education in the district schools near his father's home and later attended Vermillion Institute, at Haysville, this state. He was reared to the occupation of farming and upon starting out in life on his own resources chose the vocation to which he had been reared. He has followed agricultural pursuits both in Ashland and Richland counties but for the past forty years has lived in Perry township, now owning and operating a well improved tract of ninety-five acres, which is supplied with a good country residence and good barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He follows general farming and stock-raising and both branches of his business are proving profitable to him, for he follows only the most modern methods in carrying on his work.

Mr. Lantz established a home of his own by his marriage on the 19th of December, 1872, to Miss Mary E. Steel, a daughter of John Steel, of Perry township. By her marriage she has become the mother of two sons and a daughter, namely: Charles B., who died in infancy; Arthur M., who was born August 10, 1879, and is on the home farm; and Bertha Lea, who was born August 28, 1885, and is also under the parental roof.

Mr. Lantz' study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give hearty support to the men and measures of democracy and for two years he served as clerk of Perry township. He is a charter member of the first Grange organized in Richland county, while he and his family are members of the Evangelical church. Mr. Lantz is a man who has been quick to discern opportunity for improvement and is rapidly forging his way to the front. He has overcome all obstacles in his path and through honorable and determined effort has acquired all that he today possesses, so that he is now numbered among the substantial citizens of Perry township.

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#### JOSEPH W. PAGE.

Joseph W. Page, the well known and popular postmaster of Shiloh, Ohio, was born in New Bloomfield, Perry county, Pennsylvania, May 25, 1852, and is a son of Joseph and Mary A. (Wise) Page, who were also natives of the Keystone state, the former born in October, 1823, and the latter October 7, 1820. In early life the father learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for fourteen years, and later conducted a tannery for eight years, and for three years thereafter followed farming. He then left his native state and removed to Ohio, locating in Shiloh in April, 1866, and buying a half interest in a general store at this place. He carried on business here up to within three years of his death excepting one year when engaged in merchandising in Shelby, Ohio. He was called upon to fill several local offices, serving as treasurer of Shiloh for many years. Here he died in 1905 and is still survived by his wife, who continues to make her home in Shiloh. Unto them were born ten children, of whom two died in infancy, while four sons and four daughters reached mature years, namely: H. W., who died about four years ago; Clara, who died in 1908; Margaret, now a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; Joseph W., of this review; William P., of Cleveland; Mrs. Elizabeth Downand, of Shiloh; Charles W. and Mrs. Ida Boyle, both residents of Cleveland.

Joseph W. Page was about fourteen years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Shiloh and here he has since made his home, receiving a good practical education in the public schools. For a few years he worked as a farm hand and then learned the painter's trade, to which he devoted his time and attention for thirty-eight years, becoming a skilled painter and decorator.

In 1873 Mr. Page was united in marriage to Miss Clara Schrefler, who is a native of Angola, Indiana, and came to Shiloh with her parents in early life. Six children blessed this union: George W., now a resident of Crestline; Rebecca May, at home; Virginia, the wife of Cyrus Snyder, of North Fairfield; William R., of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Pearl, who is in the post-office with her father; and Joseph Dale, who died at the age of three years.

It was on the 5th of January, 1906, that Mr. Page received the appointment as postmaster at Shiloh, which is a fourth class office, and that posi-

tion he is now filling in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. As a republican he has ever taken an active interest in political affairs and has been called upon to serve as village clerk for seven years and as councilman for several years, his official duties having always been discharged with promptness and fidelity. Fraternally he is a member of the order of Ben Hur, and religiously is a member of the First Lutheran church of Shiloh, taking an active part in church work and serving as superintendent of the Sunday school.

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### SAMUEL BEVIER.

Samuel Bevier, located on section 15, Cass township, is a representative of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Richland county. The family is of French Huguenot extraction, though this branch came to America from Holland, and at the time of their arrival here spoke only the language of that country. Samuel Bevier was born in Cass township, November 11, 1854, the son of J. E. and Rebecca (Bevier) Bevier. The paternal great-grandfather, Samuel Bevier, was a resident of New York state and at an early day entered from the government a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in this county, a portion of which is now the property of our subject. He never resided on the place himself, but deeded it to his son Andrus, the paternal grandfather of Samuel Bevier, of this review. Andrus Bevier, accompanied by his wife, who was formerly Elizabeth Elston, took possession of this land in 1824 and proceeded to erect the necessary buildings for the shelter of his family, to build fences and to open up the land for occupancy. He deeded the farm to his wife as a home, and she in turn deeded it to their two sons, J. E., the father of our subject, and Lewis, an uncle. They made an equal division of the place, but in 1858 the former sold all but forty acres to his brother and then purchased eighty acres where our subject now resides.

J. E. Bevier was born in Owasco, Cayuga county, New York, November 9, 1821, and died December 29, 1903. In politics he was a lifelong republican and was an active worker for his party's interests. He, together with Jesse Maring and Thomas Boorman, put the first republican ticket in the field in Cass township. He was called to office at various times, having served as township treasurer and township trustee. Religiously, he was a member of the Presbyterian church at Plymouth for some time, but he later transferred his membership to Shiloh. He married Rebecca Bevier, who was born in Binghamton, Broome county, New York, March 7, 1818, the daughter of Elisha and Rachel (Johnson) Bevier, who located in Richland county in 1835. She died June 13, 1896, at the venerable age of seventy-eight years. Four children were born to this union, two of whom died in infancy. The others were: Sarepta, residing at home with her brother; and Samuel, of this review.

Samuel Bevier received his education in the district school, which he attended regularly while in the primary grades, but later as he reached an age to be of assistance to his father on the farm, his attendance was necessarily somewhat irregular. He received a good practical education, which he has



MR. AND MRS. J. E. BEVIER.



turned to good account in the actual experiences of life. His energies were ever given to the general advancement of the family interests, and he has never sought to evade the responsibility that thus lay upon his shoulders. He is public spirited and progressive, being ever ready to aid in any movement that is designed to be of benefit to the general public. Politically he is a stanch republican and is now filling the office of township trustee.

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#### ISAAC DICK.

Throughout his active business life Isaac Dick has been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Cass township and he now owns and operates a fine farm of one hundred thirteen and a half acres on section 4. A native of Richland county, he was born near Shelby in Jackson township, August 5, 1853, and is a son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Swartz) Dick, representatives of old and honored families of this county. The father was born on the 28th of October, 1822, in Pennsylvania, of which state his parents, George and Sarah (Nichols) Dick, were also natives, and he was nine years of age on the removal of the family to Richland county, Ohio. They located in Cass township, and in the midst of the forest cleared and improved a farm, living in true pioneer style. Upon that place the paternal grandparents of our subject spent the remainder of their lives and they lived to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. In their family were eleven children.

Here Josiah Dick grew to manhood, surrounded by frontier scenes and on reaching manhood he engaged in farming, becoming one of the extensive agriculturists and wealthy citizens of Cass township. After a useful and well spent life, he died November 27, 1896, honored and respected by all who knew him. His wife passed away on the 7th of November, 1895. She, too, was a native of Pennsylvania, born December 9, 1827, and was a daughter of Leonard Swartz, one of the pioneer settlers of Cass township. Josiah Dick and Elizabeth Swartz were married April 29, 1847, and became the parents of seven children, namely: George, a resident of Shelby; Harman H., of Plymouth; Isaac, of this review; Oliver, of Jackson township; David, of Cass township; Amanda, the wife of John Elliott, of Cass township; and Andrew J., also of Cass township.

Isaac Dick was six years of age when the family settled in Cass township and here he has since made his home. He remained under the parental roof until his marriage and then located on his present farm, which he has since improved by the erection of good and substantial buildings. His pleasant residence was built in 1906 and he is now building a barn forty by sixty-six feet, to replace the one destroyed by lightning on the 28th of May, 1908. In this fire he lost one of the best teams he ever owned. He carries on general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of horses of a high grade, and he is meeting with well merited success, being a man of good business ability and sound judgment.

On the 25th of October, 1879, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Dick and Miss Mary Rachel Nelson, who was born in Olivesburg, this county, January 27, 1854, a daughter of George Nelson, and six children bless this union: Lillian, now the wife of Cletus Baker, of Cass township; Scott, also a resident of the same township; Frances A., Virgie Bell, Rolland and David, all at home.

In his political affiliations Mr. Dick is a democrat, and he has been called upon to serve his fellow citizens in the office of township trustee and assessor, serving in the latter capacity for the past three years. He is also a member of the school board and exerts considerable influence in his community. For ten years he has held membership in the Lutheran church of Shiloh and in his social relations he is connected with the Royal Arcanum. His upright, honorable life has gained him many warm friends and wherever known he is held in high esteem.

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#### JOSEPH BISEL.

Thrift, energy, economy and perseverance characterize the labors of Joseph Bisel, who is one of the substantial farmers of Perry township, owning and operating a tract of land comprising one hundred and forty-three acres. He is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Bedford county, February 29, 1830, and is one of a family of six sons and two daughters, of whom three of the number are living, born of the marriage of Emanuel and Catherine (Black) Bisel. The father followed farming throughout his entire life, coming to Richland county in 1836, where his death occurred. The surviving members of the family are: Sophia, the wife of W. H. Thuma, a resident farmer of Perry township; Benjamin, who makes his home in Montana; and Joseph, of this review.

Joseph Bisel acquired his education in the common schools and was reared to farm life, giving his father the benefit of his services until he had reached mature years. He then began business on his own account and followed farming and threshing in the summer seasons. He has accumulated a valuable property comprising one hundred and forty-three acres, situated in Perry township. All the improvements which are here found have been placed thereon by Mr. Bisel but in 1903 the outbuildings were all destroyed by fire. He, however, replaced these at once and now has a fine modern residence and substantial barns and sheds for the care of grain and stock, so that his place presents a neat and thrifty appearance. In addition to farming and threshing Mr. Bisel has also dealt in horses to quite an extent and has met with success in each field of his operation.

Mr. Bisel was married in 1860 to Miss Eliza Albach, who was born in Knox county, Ohio, a daughter of John Albach, who followed farming and passed away in Knox county. She was one of a family of four sons and three daughters, of whom four of the number are now living. One brother, Riley Albach, served in the Civil war. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Bisel has been

blessed with the following children: Annabel, the eldest, is now deceased. Wilber, is an electrical engineer and makes his home in Elyria, Ohio, although his business takes him to Los Angeles, California, and Mexico City, Mexico. He wedded Grace Cragin and they have two children, Fenton and Fern, twins. Adella, the third member of the family, is the wife of Irvin Shauck, who was born in Morrow county, and is a farmer by occupation. Clayton is a young man at home and Russell A. completes the family.

Mr. Bisel formerly supported the men and measures of democracy but is now an advocate of the prohibition party. He has been called by his fellow townsmen to fill some public offices, having served as assessor and supervisor and has also been a member of the school board. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest. He is identified with Bellville lodge, I. O. O. F., of which he became a charter member a half century ago.

Mr. Bisel has lived in Richland county from the age of six years, covering a period of more than seven decades and therefore few men have more intimate knowledge of its history or of events which have left their impress upon its annals and today he is classed with the prominent and respected pioneers of this section of the state.

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#### PHEBE A. WISE.

Phebe A. Wise is the owner of a small but valuable farm in Madison township. She was born in Richland county in the home where she is now living, and is a daughter of the Rev. Christian and Julia Ann Wise. Her father was born in Maryland and came to Ohio in the '30s, at which time he purchased land where the State Reformatory is now located. He was prominent and influential in the community and for twenty years filled the office of county surveyor. He was also a minister of the gospel for forty years, being a bishop in the Dunkard church, in which connection he did an important work for the moral development of the community. A man of liberal education, he spoke five different languages. He was broad minded and progressive in his views, at all times exemplifying the humanitarian spirit which was one of his salient characteristics. Both he and his wife reached the ripe old age of seventy-five years. He died in 1888, and she passed away in 1892. Their family numbered eight children, as follows: Frank J., who resides in Texas; Mary, the widow of Gilbert Ferson, of Mercer county, Illinois; Martin V., who has passed away; Anna E. and George W., who have also departed this life; Ella S., the wife of Prior B. Sexton, who resides in Mercer county, Illinois; Dr. William H., who makes his home in Hardin county, Ohio; and Phebe, whose name introduces this record.

Miss Phebe A. Wise, reared in Richland county, remained at home with her parents until their demise. She then received eleven acres of the old homestead, where she now lives. It is a valuable property, for which she has been offered five hundred dollars per lot. In December, 1891, three men

broke into her house and after choking and pounding her robbed her of four hundred dollars and much valuable jewelry.

Miss Wise is well versed in music, being a graduate of a musical school, and her talent in this direction adds much to the pleasure of her home. She represents one of the old and prominent pioneer families of the county, her father being a man whose talents and interests made him an influential factor in public life. He wielded a wide influence and the world is better for his having lived.

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#### WILLIAM H. THUMA.

William H. Thuma is a worthy representative of the agricultural life of Richland county. He is a native son of Ohio, born near Waterford, Morrow county, October 19, 1847, and in the paternal line comes of German ancestry. His father, David Thuma, was likewise born in the Buckeye state, presumably in Richland county. Aside from five years spent in Williams county and a short period in Morrow county, the father spent his entire life in Richland county and followed farming as a life work. His wife bore the maiden name of Catherine Algire, who came of an old and prominent family of this county and who is now deceased. The father has also passed away, his death occurring January 10, 1860. Their family numbered seven children, five sons and two daughters as follows: Jacob, who is engaged in farming in Knox county, Ohio; William H., whose name introduces this review; Francis, deceased; Mary Jane, the widow of A. Stephens of Mount Vernon, this state; and John, Jerry and Martha, all of whom have passed away.

The boyhood days of William H. Thuma were spent on the home farm and he was early trained to the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. His education was acquired in the common schools near his father's home. He started out in life on his own account at an early age, being employed by the month at farm labor until he had reached the age of seventeen. At that time in his life an important event occurred when he offered his services to the government during the Civil war. He enlisted in 1864 as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Seventy-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, joining the regiment at Mount Vernon. He participated in many important battles, these including Stone River, which lasted from December 6 to 14, 1864; the battle of Cedar Flats, December 7, 1864; and Shelbyville, December 14, 1864. He served under Captain George G. Wells and did duty at the front for almost a year, displaying valor equal to that of many a man twice his years.

Following his return from the war he was employed by the month at farm labor for a time, after which he learned the plasterer's trade. Subsequently he resumed farming, at which he has been engaged to the present time. He is now the owner of sixty-two acres of well improved land located in Perry township, which has been his home for the past quarter of a century. On his place are found good buildings, while the land has been placed under

a high state of cultivation and each year yields abundant crops as a reward for the care and labor he bestows upon it.

Mr. Thuma chose as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Miss Sophia Bisel. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and for the past fifteen years he has served as trustee of the township. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Thuma has served as steward for the past three years. His success is well deserved, for from an early age he has depended entirely upon his own resources, and although he has met obstacles and difficulties, he has overcome these through honorable and determined effort until today he stands among the substantial farmers of Richland county, and he and his estimable wife enjoy the close friendship of all with whom they come in contact.

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#### ABRAHAM BAUGHMAN'S SONS.

Four sons of Abraham Baughman, of Monroe township, Richland county, Ohio, removed to Morgan county, Missouri, at different intervals. They were the grandsons of the Abraham Baughman who was born on the Atlantic ocean as his parents were coming from Germany to America. These sons were named William, David, John and Simon. William was born August 30, 1814. He was apprenticed to E. Chew, a blacksmith of Blooming Grove township, this county, with whom he learned his trade and then worked with him as a jour for two years. Mr. Chew later served several terms in the legislature of Ohio and became a judge of the court of common pleas. William Baughman, his former apprentice, had honorable political preferment in Missouri after his removal to the west. Before removing to Missouri, William Baughman operated a blacksmith shop for himself in Newville for a while, then sold out and emigrated with John Slater to Florence, Morgan county, Missouri. He had ninety-five dollars in money and a set of blacksmith's tools. He arrived in the fall of 1838. On February 26, 1839, he was married to Rachel Slater, also a native of Richland county, Ohio. He commenced blacksmithing in Florence, where he owned his own property, and did well. He entered eighty acres of land near town, on which he located and reared his large family. In 1858 he was a candidate for representative of his county but was defeated. In 1850 and 1852 he was elected and served in the sixteenth and seventeenth general assemblies. In 1860 was again elected and served in the twenty-first general assembly, and again in 1872 was elected and served as a member of the twenty-seventh general assembly. He passed through his official life without a stain on his character. He was in religion a member of the Christian church, sometimes called "Campbellite." His wife died in 1875 but he lingered until January 22, 1897, when he breathed his last at the age of eighty-two years, four months and twenty-two days. There were thirteen children born to them: Mary Jane, born January 27, 1840; Lycurgus J., January 31, 1841; Andrew Jackson, February 9, 1842; David V., March 25, 1843; Esther S., February 1, 1845; Selend G., April 3, 1849; Thomas H. B., February 11,

1851; James S., January 31, 1853; Edward E., October 29, 1855; Clarissa E., September 21, 1858; Rachel R., July 24, 1861; Margareth C., August 13, 1863; and Albert W., April 8, 1865. Six of the thirteen are dead, as follows: Esther S., died February 12, 1859, her clothing catching fire, burning her so badly that she died in five days; Clarissa E., February 18, 1860; James S., May 16, 1866; David V., July 9, 1906; Mary J., August 9, 1907; and Selend G., June 12, 1908. The children have scattered from the old home to different places in Missouri, are respected and honorable citizens. All are members of the Baptist church, Thomas H. B. being a minister, and in politics democrats.

Lycurgus John Baughman, son of William Baughman, was born January 31, 1841, in Florence, Morgan county, and was reared there. In that early day there were no public schools and the only advantages were the private schools. He attended in the winter months and worked on the farm in summer. When in his last school days he attended one term of free school. He was an incessant student at home, but his education was limited. On the 22d day of November, 1860, he was married to Mary F. Simmons, who still survives. There were born to this union ten children. The first still born; William N., born September 25, 1862; Missouri Ann, November 10, 1864; Mary Elizabeth, July 19, 1867; Daniel A., March 8, 1869; Lycurgus Julius, June 28, 1871; Rachel B., September 24, 1873; Charles J., May 2, 1876; Leonard F., December 19, 1878; Lucy J., June 9, 1882. William died January 8, 1882, in the twentieth year; Mary E. died January 14, 1887, in her twentieth year; Lycurgus Julius died November 8, 1906, in the thirty-sixth year of his age. He left a wife and two children, a daughter and a son. They all three lived without a stain on them. Mary E. was a successful school teacher. Mr. Baughman was appointed a justice of the peace just after he gained his majority. He served two years and a half, when he resigned. His uncle, Simon Baughman, was appointed in his place. In 1870 and 1874 he was elected to the same office in a township where the party against his political views were nine to one, but he received a large vote. He executed the office with ability but refused another term. He was converted in August, 1860, and united with the Baptist church, to which his mother belonged, and in 1868 began to exercise his gifts in public, and in November, 1872, was ordained a minister. He then began his ministerial life and has been pastor of some of the best churches in central Missouri. He now at this date (1908) is serving three congregations, which occupies all his time. He lived at Florence with the exception of ten months in 1864, when he resided at Syracuse until March, 1898, when he moved to Versailles. He resided there until March, 1905, when he moved to Sedalia, in Pettis county, where he still resides at 236 West Cooper street. In politics he is a democrat and is proud of the fact that his father cast his first vote for Martin Van Buren and voted for every democrat since, and also cast his vote while in the legislature for Hon. Thomas H. Benton for United States senator.

Daniel A. Baughman, son of the subject of this sketch, was born in Florence, March 8, 1869. He was educated in the public schools in Florence and taught school for two years. He then entered the commercial business and has prosecuted that calling successfully ever since. He is now traveling

for a St. Louis firm. His home is with his parents in Sedalia, Missouri. He is a dutiful son and always remembers his father and mother. He is single. Charles J. Baughman, the youngest son, is also with his parents and is an industrious, good son. He married Miss Emma S. Edding November 10, 1907.

David and John Baughman, brothers of William, emigrated to Missouri in 1847. David settled on a farm on Richland creek. David's wife's maiden name was Rebecca Wolfe, a Richland county girl. Four children were born to them before they left Ohio. Their names were: Jackson, William F., John Madison and Irene. John and William died in 1880 or 1882. Jackson died in March, 1904. They were all honorable men and provided well for their families. David Baughman and wife are now both dead. They have grandchildren living but they are scattered from their old homes.

John Baughman settled on a farm six miles west of his brother David's. His wife's maiden name was Katie Castator, who had been born and reared in Jefferson township, Richland county, Ohio. About a year after their removal to Missouri Mrs. John Baughman was killed by an accidental shot fired by A. W. Slater. She went out early on Good Friday morning to sow tobacco seed before sun up. She was near a small stream. Mr. Slater was up early and espying a duck on the water, shot at it with a rifle. The bullet glanced and went through her breast. She died that night. He remained on the place some time and married another woman, by whom three children were born. He sold his place to his brother William and bought another. He remained on that place until his death. He was shot and killed by a bushwhacker in Florence, July 11, 1863. His children are all dead, but one daughter by his first wife and a son by the second.

Simon Baughman, the youngest of the family, who had married Susan Mercer, emigrated from Richland county, Ohio, to Morgan county in 1859 or 1860. Before he had been here long he lost his three children. He bought a farm and remained until 1865, when he moved to Rome City, Indiana. He and his wife are now both deceased.

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#### GEORGE McFERREN.

George McFerren is justly classed among the pioneer farmers of Richland county and Perry township, his residence here dating from 1841, or for a period of sixty-seven years. He now owns and operates a good farm of one hundred and fourteen acres, situated in Perry township, and from this tract he derives an income which supplies him with all the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. Mr. McFerren was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, June 20, 1839, a son of Henry and Catherine (Hardman) McFerren, who were farming people of the Keystone state and located in Richland county in 1841, the father purchasing a farm in Perry township, where he spent his remaining days. Both the parents are now deceased, however, the mother passing away in 1880, while the father's death occurred in 1895.

George McFerren is the younger of two sons born of his father's marriage, his brother being Samuel McFerren. The son pursued his studies in the common schools and was early trained to the duties of the home farm, assisting his father in plowing, planting and harvesting the crops, so that when he started out in life on his own account he had excellent knowledge of the methods of agriculture. He is now the owner of one hundred and fourteen acres, situated in Perry township. He has tiled and fenced the land and erected substantial buildings, so that today his property is a valuable one, and each year he adds to his financial income, owing to the sale of abundant crops.

Mr. McFerren chose as a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Miss Naoma R. Black, whom he wedded in 1862 and who died September 8, 1905. Unto this marriage were born a daughter and two sons, but the eldest, Ellen, is now deceased. The sons are C. L. and William A., both farmers of Perry township.

Mr. McFerren's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give hearty support to the men and measures of democracy, but he has never been active as an office seeker, preferring rather to give his undivided time and attention to his private business interests, in which he is meeting with success. Brought to Richland county when but two years of age, he has always lived here and is therefore familiar with the history of this section of the state, and now in the evening of life he is surrounded by many warm friends who esteem him for his many excellent traits of heart and mind.

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#### PETER KUHN.

A valuable and well improved farm property, comprising eighty acres, located on section 26, Jackson township, has been the home of Peter Kuhn since 1876, and here he is engaged in general agricultural pursuits, in which he is meeting with success. He is a native son of Richland county, his birth having occurred on a farm in Plymouth township, December 31, 1842.

*Peter, not David*  
His paternal grandfather, David Kuhn, was born near Wurtemberg, Germany, and emigrated to America in 1754, locating on a farm in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, this tract of land having remained in the Kuhn family to the present time. The father of our subject, Samuel Kuhn, was born on his father's farm in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, October 7, 1807. He was married in the Keystone state to Miss Julia Ann Reymer, who was born April 10, 1812. They were reared and married in the state of Pennsylvania, after which they came to Richland county on the 1st of June, 1833. They established their home on a farm in Plymouth township, located midway between the villages of Shelby and Plymouth. They made the journey to Richland county by wagon, the party also including his brother John and his family, the brothers having married sisters. The two families made their home on that tract of land for eight years. When they arrived here



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they had no plow and drove to Mansfield, a distance of twelve miles, but could secure none and on their return stopped at the home of a farmer, who sold them a plow for twelve dollars. They endured many hardships and privations on account of the unsettled condition of the country and bore their full share in the development and progress that was here carried on.

The maternal grandfather of our subject, Philip Reymer, was born near Wurtemberg, Germany, and was left an orphan at the age of twelve years. He then emigrated to America, his passage being paid upon his arrival by a man in New Jersey, with whom he made his home. He received ill treatment and one day while in the field threshing rye a recruiting officer of the Continental army passed and asked Mr. Reymer to become a member of the army. He was at that time only fifteen years of age, but becoming identified with the Continental army served in the Revolutionary war for seven years. His wife bore the maiden name of Ellen Statler and their family numbered three sons and five daughters. Mr. Reymer died in Franklin county, Pennsylvania.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kuhn numbered ten children, as follows: Louisa, the wife of John G. Hartman, of Jackson township; Ellen, the deceased wife of J. W. Huffman, also of this township; Philip, who served in the Civil war as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and is now deceased; Sarah, the wife of Joseph Cairns, of Jackson township; Harriet, who died at the age of two years; Peter, of this review; Elijah, of Shelby; George and Samuel, who died in infancy; and Reymer, who makes his home in Cleveland.

Peter Kuhn, whose name introduces this review, was reared on his father's farm and each year assisted in the plowing, planting and harvesting, remaining under the parental roof until thirty-three years of age. At the time of the inauguration of the Civil war he enlisted on the 22d of August, 1862, as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, doing service under Lieutenant Barlow, of Shelby. He participated in the battle of Perryville, October 8, 1862; Chickamauga, September 20, 1863; and Kenesaw Mountain, June 27, 1864; and was subsequently with Sherman on the Atlanta campaign and the celebrated march to the sea, after which he participated in the grand review at Washington, D. C. With the exception of eight days, on account of illness, he lost no time and served for two years, nine months and twenty-seven days. He arrived home June 19, 1865, having made a most creditable military record.

Following the close of hostilities Mr. Kuhn returned to his home and resumed farming on his father's place—a tract of two hundred acres, which he cultivated for ten years in connection with his brother Elijah. In 1876 he purchased his present property, comprising eighty acres of land on section 26, Jackson township. He erected a nice country home and there are also many substantial outbuildings on the place, furnishing ample shelter for grain and stock. Mr. Kuhn is here engaged in general farming and stock-raising and in his business follows the most modern and progressive methods.

Mr. Kuhn was married, February 27, 1868, to Miss Sarah Kirkpatrick, who was born in Jackson township, May 26, 1845, a daughter of Jeremiah and

Catherine (Flora) Kirkpatrick, the former born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, July 20, 1821, while the latter was born in Washington county, Maryland, September 14, 1819. Her father came here with his parents, October 31, 1831, and spent his remaining days in Richland county, passing away September 15, 1904. The mother came to Richland county with her parents in 1835 and also lived and died here, passing away September 19, 1900.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn has been graced with eight children: Clayson, who died at the age of sixteen years; Charles, who died when but five months old; S. H., who resides in Franklin township, is married and has two sons, Nihl and Gail; Nellie, the wife of W. C. McCracken, of Mansfield; Willis O., at home; Anna, the wife of J. A. Bricker, of Jackson township, by whom she has one son, Reymer; B. B. at home; and Henry, who died in infancy.

Mr. Kuhn is independent in politics. He served as assessor of Jackson township for several years and was also for a long period a member of the school board. He is a member of Mt. Bethel Lutheran church and of the Grand Army of the Republic at Shelby. Mr. Kuhn's life has been one of continuous activity and no blot or stain of dishonor rests upon his name for his business principles and actions have ever been governed by strict integrity and honesty of purpose.

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#### ROSCOE CARLTON SKILES.

Roscoe Carlton Skiles is the junior member of the law firm of Skiles, Green & Skiles, constituting one of the strongest legal combinations of Richland county, but while he is making for himself an enviable record at the bar, he is also winning an equally commendable reputation as a public-spirited citizen and for five years, as chief executive officer of Shelby, did effective work in promoting public progress and improvement in his native city. He was born here October 18, 1878, and has always made this city his home, spending his boyhood days under the roof of his father, George M. Skiles. Passing through consecutive grades in the public schools, he at length completed his course by graduation from the Shelby high school with the class of 1896. He then matriculated in the Ohio State University, where he remained until 1901, when he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In June of that year he was admitted to the bar and entered his father's law office, practicing with the firm of Skiles & Skiles until the death of his uncle, the Hon. W. W. Skiles, in 1904. A new partnership was then formed, under the style of Skiles, Green & Skiles, with our subject as the junior partner. He is a lawyer of wide learning, careful in the preparation of his cases and clear and forceful in their presentation, and although one of the younger, he is also recognized as one of the foremost members of the Shelby bar.

Few men of his years have so long filled the chair of mayor as has Mr. Skiles. In April, 1903, he was called to that office as the candidate of the republican party and in May took his seat for the administration of municipal affairs here. By act of the legislature his first term was extended to January 1,

1906, after which he was reelected and served until January 1, 1908, so that for five years he remained the chief executive head of Shelby. He has been very active in party organization, being one of the most prominent and influential republicans of this district.

On the 3d of October, 1901, Mr. Skiles was married to Miss Isabelle Fullington, a native of Columbus, Ohio, and a daughter of James Fullington. Attractive social qualities render Mr. Skiles popular in the Colonial Club and the Mansfield Country Club. He is well known in Shelby and his record stands in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is never without honor, save in his own country, for in the city where his entire life has been passed Roscoe C. Skiles has gained a position of distinction that is indicative of the respect and admiration which his fellow citizens entertain for his substantial intellectual qualities and professional ability.

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#### REV. FATHER FERDINAND A. SCHREIBER.

Rev. Father Ferdinand A. Schreiber, pastor of St. Peter's church at Mansfield, was born at Callicoon, New York, July 3, 1861. His father, Charles Schreiber, was a native of Baden, Germany, and about 1848 came to America, settling at Newark, New Jersey, where he was employed as a laborer for some time, but later engaged in business on his own account. About 1862 he removed to Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he still resides and is yet active to some extent, although he has reached the age of seventy-six years. He married Appalonia Guenther, also a native of Baden, Germany, although they were married in this country. She is still living at the age of seventy-four years. Their family numbered six children, who still survive, of whom John, Joseph and Jacob Schreiber are all engaged in business in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Mary is the wife of Henry Scholl, of Scranton, and Catherine is at home.

Father Ferdinand A. Schreiber spent his boyhood in Scranton, where he attended the parochial schools, made his first communion and was confirmed. At the age of fifteen years he entered St. Vincent's College, conducted by the Benedictine Fathers near Beatty in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. There he remained until he finished his classical and philosophical courses. When he had completed these he studied under the Rt. Rev. Richard Gilmour, bishop of Cleveland, and after the completion of his theological course was ordained to the priesthood July 3, 1886. Following his ordination he was appointed to take charge of missions, with headquarters at Antwerp, Ohio, where he ministered to the spiritual needs of six or seven congregations located in Pauling and Defiance counties, Ohio, having charge of the mission churches at Payne, Latty, Cecil, Junction, Hicksville and Delaware Bend, Ohio. He built the churches at Latty and Cecil, Ohio, and after four years spent in that charge he was assigned to the Sacred Heart of Jesus church at Shelby settlement in Richland county. There he remained for over seven years, during which time he was instrumental in erecting a nice stone church. In 1898 he was removed to Mansfield, where he has since remained.

Father Magenhann had just resigned on account of ill health. Father Schreiber found a large debt incumbering the parish property, which was soon fully paid. The financial condition of the church is now excellent. A home has been built for the Sisters of St. Francis, nine in number, seven of whom are employed as teachers. A cemetery site has also been purchased and improved and an annex has been built to the school property, adding four new schoolrooms. A large tract of eighty foot frontage adjoining the church has been purchased and on this is to be erected a new house of worship, toward which purpose Father Schreiber has already accumulated a considerable sum. Upon the completion of a new church the old one will be used as a school hall. Since his coming the Knights of Columbus have been established here and are growing in membership, while various other parochial societies have been formed. Father Schreiber is most zealous and earnest in all of his work and is accomplishing great good for Catholicism.

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#### DAVID RHODES.

The present home farm of David Rhodes in Jackson township was also the place of his birth, which occurred January 3, 1849, so that he has throughout a long period been identified with the agricultural interests of Richland county. He is the fourth in order of birth in a family of five children, whose parents were Henry and Rachel (Stoner) Rhodes, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in Lancaster county, in 1808, and the latter in York county, that state. They were reared and married in the Keystone state and the year 1831 witnessed their arrival in Richland county, Ohio, the family home being established on a tract of land whereon no clearing had been made. The father at once cleared a space large enough to erect a log house and in this the family took up their abode. He then cleared the balance of the land and placed it under the plow, in due course of time harvesting rich crops as a reward for the care and labor which he bestowed upon it. The children of the family, five in number, are as follows: Henry P., who resides in Richland county and is mentioned on another page of this work; Mrs. Elizabeth Bloom, a resident of Michigan; Mrs. Sarah Paul, of Indiana; David, of this review; and Mrs. Melvina Arnold, also of Jackson township. Both the father and mother are now deceased, the former having passed away in March, 1896, in his eighty-eighth year, while the latter died in October, 1888, when she had reached the age of seventy-five, for her natal day was October 15, 1813.

David Rhodes, the immediate subject of this review, was reared to the duties of the home farm, early becoming familiar with the labors of plowing, planting and harvesting. He is today the owner of one hundred and eighty acres of land, divided into two farms, sixty acres of which constitute a part of the father's old home place. He has here two sets of buildings and in 1891 erected a good barn thirty-eight by sixty-six feet, with a shed thirty-two feet long, and on the farm which he rents stands a good brick residence. For a long period he was actively connected with agricultural pursuits and while he

still retains his home on his farm he leaves the active labor to others, merely giving supervision to the work.

Mr. Rhodes was married in 1886 to Miss Izora Artz, who was born in Richland county, a daughter of Henry and Hannah (Holtz) Artz. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes was blessed with four children: Harry Earnest, David Dale, Wilber Willis and Roy Stanley. After a happy married life of but nine years the wife and mother was called to her final rest, her death occurring October 26, 1895.

While Mr. Rhodes is in hearty sympathy with the principles of democracy he largely votes an independent ticket. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias at Shelby. Mr. Rhodes was given a start in life by the inheritance of sixty acres of land from his father's estate, but it has been through his own energy, careful management and well directed labors that he has extended the boundaries of his place to its present acreage, so that he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. In his younger years he spent a busy and active life, so that today he can enjoy the fruits of his former toil in ease and comfort, being surrounded by a host of warm friends, who esteem him highly for his own moral worth.

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#### CONRAD FLOCKERZI.

Conrad Flockerzi, serving as a member of the board of public service at Mansfield, is a native of Bavaria, Germany, his birth having there occurred on the 23d of November, 1861, of the marriage of George and Anna Elizabeth (Ebert) Flockerzi. On his emigration to America in February, 1872, the father located at Mansfield, where in 1882 he engaged in the butchering business, continuing successfully in that line of activity until his death in 1889. The mother of our subject, however, still survives.

Conrad Flockerzi is the eldest in a family of seven children, of whom four are living and are residents of Mansfield. He attended the public school at Neustadt, his native town, till eleven years of age, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to the new world and completed his education in the public schools of Mansfield until he had attained the age of thirteen. He then entered upon an apprenticeship to the butchering business with Hein Brothers, remaining in that employ for three years, after which he worked in various other markets until 1882. Ambitious to engage in business on his own account, he then established a meat market at No. 200 North Main street and for a period of twenty-four years, or until October, 1903, he was thus successfully connected with the mercantile interests of this city, gaining a large degree of prosperity by reason of his reliable business methods and straightforward dealing. He is also interested to a considerable extent in Mansfield real estate and is the owner of a commodious and attractive home at No. 281 West Fourth street.

On the 16th of February, 1888, at Mansfield, Ohio, Mr. Flockerzi was united in marriage to Miss Sophia, a daughter of George Reddig, a tailor of this city.

In his political views he has always been a stanch democrat and active in local politics. For two terms of two years each, beginning in 1897, he served as councilman from the third ward and also had the honor of being the presiding officer of that body. From 1902 until 1904 he was councilman at large, was elected vice president of the council during this term and, owing to the death of the president, acted as chief executive officer the greater part of the time. In November, 1907, he was elected a member of the board of public service, taking his seat on the 1st of January, 1908. At various times he has also served as a member of the board of equalization and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen is well merited, for his entire public service has been characterized by the faithful and capable discharge of every duty devolving upon him.

Mr. Flockerzi is identified through membership relations with the Foresters, the German Pioneer Society and the Arion Singing Society, being an honorary member of the last named. He also belongs to St. Matthews Lutheran church and is a member of its council. Richland county has been and is signally favored in the class of men who have controlled its affairs in official capacity, and in this connection the subject of this review demands representation as one who has served the county faithfully and well in positions of distinct trust and responsibility. For more than a third of a century he has been a resident of Mansfield and his genial, social manner and deference for the opinions of others has gained him a wide circle of friends and won him the esteem and regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### BARTLEY CRUM.

Bartley Crum, a successful agriculturist of Franklin township, was born on the farm where he now resides, on the 29th of April, 1854. His grandparents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Keith) Crum, were both natives of Pennsylvania, where their marriage was celebrated. The grandfather left Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, about the year 1815 and took up his abode on the farm which is now the home of our subject. He cleared the land, which was entirely covered with timber, erected a log cabin and underwent many of the hardships and privations of pioneer life in his efforts to establish a home on the frontier. Here he spent the remainder of his days, passing away when fifty-three years of age. His wife, who survived him, was called to her final rest about 1857.

John Crum, the father of Bartley Crum, was born March 1, 1820, on the old homestead farm here and it remained his place of residence, with the exception of about two years, until the time of his death. In 1847 or 1848 he wedded Miss Catherine Clay, a native of Franklin township, and subsequently he removed to Williams county, Ohio, where he remained for about two years. On the expiration of that period he returned to the old home farm and here resided until he passed away in 1900. Throughout his entire business career he was connected with agricultural pursuits and placed many substantial improvements on his property, including a fine residence and outbuild-

ings, which today stand as monuments to his unremitting industry and enterprise. Meeting with success in his undertakings, he became the owner of several farms and was widely recognized as a prosperous and influential citizen of his native county. His estimable wife is still living at the age of seventy-nine years, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Hummel, in Jackson township. Her family numbered eight children, namely: Jacob, deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of David Robinson, an agriculturist of Williams county, Ohio; Margaret, who died in infancy; Bartley, of this review; Mary, the wife of Adam Hummel, who follows farming in Jackson township; Franklin J., who is also deceased; Lucinda, who has passed away; and Ida, the wife of Jacob Zackman, of Shelby.

Bartley Crum acquired his education in the district schools of Franklin township and remained under the parental roof until he was married at the age of thirty years. Subsequently he lived in an adjoining house and farmed both places. His holdings at present comprise one hundred and sixty-five acres of rich and productive land, on which he has a commodious and substantial residence and fine outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. In the work of general farming he has met with a gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity, and is well known as one of the substantial and enterprising agriculturists of the community.

On the 9th of October, 1884, Mr. Crum was united in marriage to Miss Borgetta M. Skiles, of Richland county, by whom he has three children: Wave Jeannette, who died in infancy; John J., who is attending business college at Mansfield; and Fleta Margaret, at home.

Mr. Crum gives stalwart allegiance to the men and measures of the republican party and has served as school director for six years, while fraternally he is connected with the Masonic Lodge at Shelby. His wife is a member of the Reform church. A worthy representative of one of the oldest pioneer families here, he has lived in this county for more than a half century and has gained the warm esteem and regard of all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

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#### W. S. LEITER.

Ambition and determination are strong characteristics in the life of W. S. Leiter, who, starting out at an early age, employed as a farm hand, has worked his way steadily upward until he is now in possession of a good farm of eighty acres, situated on section 16, Monroe township, Richland county. He is a native son of the county, born October 6, 1858, his parents being Lewis and Rachel (Marvin) Leiter, the latter also a native of Richland county. The father, however, was a native of Maryland but came to Richland county with his parents in 1838. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. The father passed away in 1873, but the mother still survives and now makes her home with our subject.

W. S. Leiter is the younger of two children born of his father's marriage, the sister being Mary, the wife of Frank Darling, of Monroe township. The son remained under the parental roof during the period of his boyhood and youth and was given the advantages of a common-school education. At the age of fifteen years, however, he started out to make his own way in the world, being employed at farm labor during the succeeding five years. About that time he was united in marriage to Miss Ida Rugh, who was born in the Buckeye state and came to Richland county with her parents at an early day. She is one of a family of twelve children. The mother is now deceased but the father still survives and makes his home in Abilene, Kansas.

Following his marriage Mr. Leiter purchased a farm of eighty acres, situated on section 16, Monroe township, and cultivated this land for twelve years. He then removed to Cass township and operated rented land for two years, after which he took up his abode in Shelby and engaged in the butchering business for one year. He once more returned to farm life, locating on his present farm, and here he has since continued to make his home. He is engaged in raising the various grains adapted to soil and climate and is meeting with good success, for he follows only the most modern methods in carrying on his work. He has improved his place with good buildings and everything is kept in a good state of repair, indicating the thrift and energy of the owner.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Leiter has been blessed with two sons and a daughter: Bernice, the wife of Wade Culler, a resident of Mansfield; and Lewis and T. S., at home.

The political allegiance of Mr. Leiter is given to the republican party, of which he is a stalwart advocate. Mrs. Leiter is a member of the Lutheran church. Both are highly esteemed for their many good traits of heart and mind and the circle of their friends is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

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#### EUNE SMITH.

Eune Smith, successfully engaged in general farming in Jefferson township, was born in Worthington township, Richland county, September 21, 1838, his parents being Henry J. and Elizabeth (Spran) Smith, who were born and married in Germany. They came to the United States in an early day and after residing in Stark county, Ohio, for five years, came to Richland county, where they made their home until called to their final rest. The father followed agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Smith were born nine children, namely: Henry, deceased; Philip, a farmer of Worthington township; Louisa, Elizabeth, Fred, Daniel and Samuel, all of whom have passed away; Eune, of this review; and George, who follows farming in Worthington township.

Eune Smith acquired his education in an old log schoolhouse, to which he had to walk one mile, and he remained under the parental roof until he



MR. AND MRS. EUNE SMITH.



had attained the age of sixteen years, when he began working on a farm for fifty cents a day. He received seventy-five cents and a dollar a day for harvesting. He subsequently worked at the carpenter's trade for several years and then made his first purchase of land in Worthington township. On disposing of that tract he bought his present farm of one hundred and twelve acres on section 16, Jefferson township, and has successfully engaged in its operation. He also owns a house and lot in Bellville, and his success is all the more creditable from the fact that it has been gained entirely through his own efforts and capable business management.

On the 1st of January, 1863, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Malinda Zellner, a member of an old pioneer family. She was born in Worthington township, February 24, 1844, and has now been an invalid for four years. She is the mother of the following children: E. C., who is book-keeper for the Baxter Stove Company at Mansfield, Ohio; Cora, the wife of John Shoemaker, of Butler, Ohio; Ida, the wife of Charles Gilliland, who works in a glass factory at Tiffin; Elizabeth, the wife of Calvin Fleming, who is engaged in farming in Jefferson township; and Elza Edgar, who is a traveling man, making his home in Michigan.

In his political views Mr. Smith was formerly a democrat but is now independent, casting his vote for the best man regardless of party affiliation. He is a member of the Jefferson Grange at Bellville, while both he and his wife are connected with the Evangelical Association at Butler. Throughout the entire period of his life, now covering the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, he has made his home in this county and is widely recognized as one of its most substantial and enterprising citizens.

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#### ROBERT HUGHES.

Robert Hughes, who passed away in October, 1903, was formerly a prominent and well known agriculturist, his farm being located on section 24, Weller township. He was born in Blooming Grove township, Richland county, Ohio, March 4, 1833, and was one of the ten children of John and Elizabeth (Rogers) Hughes.

The father was born in 1793, in Pennsylvania, where he was reared and married. The mother was born in Ireland in 1796, and when a child of seven years came to America with her parents, who spent the remainder of their lives as farming people in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were married on the 5th of November, 1820, and began their domestic life upon a farm in Beaver county, where seven of their children were born. In 1832 they came to Richland county, Ohio, locating in Blooming Grove township, one mile north of Shenandoah, where the father purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, but five years later he sold that place, and removed to the farm on section 24, Weller county, where the widow of our subject now resides. Here he made his home until the fall of 1860, when he sold the place to his son and took up his residence in Shelby, where he died

in August, 1862. His first wife had died in 1852, and for his second wife he married Mrs. Hester (Hunter) McCready, who survived him some years. In early life both parents were active members of the Presbyterian church, but after coming to this county, there being no church of that denomination here, they united with the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically the father was first a whig and later a republican.

Robert Hughes attended the public schools of this county in early life and, his brothers having left their parental home, he remained to look after the cultivation of the farm. In the fall of 1860, on his father's removal to Shelby, he purchased the place and until the time of his demise was successfully engaged in its operation.

On the 23d of April, 1861, Mr. Hughes was united in marriage to Miss Jane Palmer, whose birth occurred in Franklin township, this county, January 19, 1837, her parents being Charles and Ann (Ward) Palmer. The father was born in London, England, October 8, 1796, and came to America in 1819, in company with a brother. They were left orphans during childhood and on attaining their majority received a small fortune, which they brought with them to this country. Coming to Richland county, Ohio, the brother located in Weller township, while Mrs. Hughes' father settled on the farm in Franklin township now owned by Wesley Ferree, where he made his home until 1856, when he removed to Washington township, three miles south of Mansfield. He spent his declining years, however, with our subject and his wife, his death occurring on the 30th of January, 1878. He was a man of firm convictions, was an ardent abolitionist and an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, Mrs. Ann (Ward) Palmer, was born November 15, 1804, in Repton, Derbyshire, England, and she passed away here July 16, 1865. She also came to America in the year 1819 and on February 10, 1821, gave her hand in marriage to Charles Palmer. Their family numbered thirteen children, five of whom are still living, namely: Mrs. Fanny Hughes, who is a widow residing in Weller township; Mrs. Robert Hughes; Goodsell, who makes his home in Mansfield; Joseph, of Mansfield; and Anna Golladay, living in Columbiana county, Ohio.

Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hughes three are living, and the record is as follows: Wilbert G., deceased; Carrie M. and Fred C., both at home; Anna E., the wife of Edwin A. Clingan, of Pavonia, Ohio; and Francis, who has also passed away.

Politically Mr. Hughes was identified with the republican party, and fraternally was a member of Weller Grange, No. 1070, P. of H. For more than a half century he held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he served as a trustee and steward for many years. Throughout his entire life—the allotted Psalmist's span of three score years and ten—he made his home in this county and was widely recognized as one of its successful agriculturists and prominent and honored citizens, his demise being the occasion of deep regret among his many friends. Mrs. Hughes has also been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for more than a half century and has also gained the warm esteem and high regard of those with whom she has come in contact during the long period of her residence

in this county. She owns one hundred acres of land on section 24, Weller township, which is being operated by her son, Fred C., and is a lady of refinement and culture, whose circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of her acquaintances.

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### FREMONT TEETER.

Fremont Teeter, who for many years was engaged in general agricultural pursuits on a tract of fifty-one acres, situated in Monroe township, has for the past decade devoted his time and attention to horticultural pursuits, in which he is meeting with good success. He is a native son of Richland county, his birth having occurred in Washington township, February 3, 1858.

His paternal grandfather, Daniel Teeter, who was born February 9, 1790, and died April 9, 1843, located in Richland county in 1819, having journeyed thence from Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and here he was engaged in farming and he also conducted a sawmill.

The father, John Teeter, was born in Richland county, December 27, 1836, and was here married to Miss Sarah Jane Snyder, who was likewise a native of this county. Both are now deceased, the father having passed to his final reward on the 10th of August, 1889, when he had reached the age of sixty-two years, while the mother survived his death for a period of about thirteen years, passing away January 17, 1902.

Their family numbered thirteen children, as follows: Daniel, who was born February 18, 1855, and follows farming in Jefferson township; Mary Elizabeth, who was born April 1, 1856, and is the wife of L. D. Derban, a farmer of Jefferson township; Fremont, of this review; William, who was born November 1, 1859, and follows farming in Troy township; Drusilla, who was born April 13, 1863, and is now the wife of John Phsfaler, a mechanic of Shelby; Nancy J., who was born April 8, 1865, and died February 8, 1891; Norman, who was born August 1, 1867, and follows farming in Jefferson township; Nora Allen, who was born November 18, 1870, and is the wife of Sell T. Hawkins, an editor or printer of Bellville; Ollie May, who was born October 14, 1871, and died August 16, 1903; Sarah C., who was born September 22, 1873, and who died April 29, 1899; Dora E., who was born October 12, 1875, and died December 11, 1890; George Ellis, who was born March 17, 1879; and Rollie C., who was born June 25, 1881, and is a mechanic of Troy township.

Fremont Teeter, whose name introduces this record, was educated in the district schools of Jefferson township. He remained under the parental roof until he attained the age of twenty-two years, when he started upon an independent business career by working as a farm hand by the month. He then learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1888. During this time he had acquired a competency that enabled him to invest in land, becoming owner of fifty-one acres, situated in Monroe township. Here he engaged in general farming for a number of years but about ten years ago

put aside farming operations and since that time has devoted his undivided time and attention to horticultural pursuits, in which he is meeting with success. He gives his attention more particularly to the raising of small fruits, having three acres each of strawberries and blackberries in addition to other varieties of fruit. He has improved his place by the erection of a fine country residence, supplied with all modern conveniences, and the well kept appearance of the outbuildings and grounds surrounding his home indicate to the passerby the thrift and enterprising spirit of the owner.

Mr. Teeter was married in 1882 to Miss Huldah M. Berry, a daughter of Eli Berry, whose sketch appears on another page of this work. Their children, four in number, are as follows: Eli Elston, who at the age of twenty-four years is a mechanic at Mansfield; Lela May, the wife of Charles Anderson, an attorney of Shelby; Jessie Irene, who is with her parents; and Roy, also under the parental roof.

Mr. Teeter's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give support to the democracy, although he occasionally votes an independent ticket. He and his wife are members of the Christian church, in which he has served as an elder. He is a public-spirited citizen, who in everything has been eminently practical, and this has been manifest not only in his business undertakings but also in social and private life.

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#### B. F. CONDON.

Among the native sons of Richland county is numbered B. F. Condon, who resides upon the farm in Madison township, where his birth occurred on the 1st of April, 1843. This property is now in his possession and constitutes a well improved and productive tract of land. His parents were Elisha and Nancy Ann (Flora) Condon, the former born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1807, and the latter in Smithtown, Maryland, in 1816. His paternal grandfather was a native of Ireland and on his emigration to America located in New Jersey, where he made his home until 1802 and then removed to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. In 1812 he went to Lebanon, Ohio, where he was detained for two years on account of Indian troubles, and in the fall of 1814 came to Mansfield, where he spent the winter. The city at that time was a very small village, giving little promise of its future development and progress. In the spring of 1815 Mr. Condon purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land in Springfield township, on which he built a log cabin, it being the second building erected in the township. It will thus be seen that the family has been closely associated with the development and improvement of this part of the state from early pioneer days. With the aid of his sons, our subject's grandfather cleared his land and in connection with its cultivation he also engaged in the distillery business. He resided upon his first farm for nineteen years and in 1834 bought the farm which is now the home of B. F. Condon, erecting thereon the present

residence in 1838. He was born in 1766 and died in 1845 in the house which he had built.

Reared amid the wild scenes of frontier life, Elisha Condon early became familiar with the arduous task of clearing away the forest and developing fields in a new country. He always carried on farming as a life work and was one of the reliable, industrious and enterprising citizens of the community. Having arrived at years of maturity he married Miss Nancy Ann Flora and unto them were born ten children: Mary L., now the wife of John Underwood, of Mansfield; John M., who is living in Hardin county, Ohio; Johanna, deceased; B. F., of this review; Helen A., the widow of Steven A. Balliet, of Kansas; William, also a resident of Hardin county, Ohio; Margaret E., the wife of Ira McCoy, of Mansfield; Adaline, the wife of Sina Weber, of Mansfield; Bertha, deceased; and Luther, who is in Madison township. The father passed away September 3, 1890, and the mother on the 2d of November, 1898, and they were laid to rest in Mansfield cemetery.

B. F. Condon always remained upon the home farm and cared for his parents in their latter years. In early boyhood he pursued his education in the public schools and when not busy with his text-books his time was largely occupied in the work of the farm. He early became familiar with the task of tilling the soil and has since engaged in the cultivation of the crops best adapted to climatic conditions. He has also raised and fed stock in connection with general farming and his business interests, capably managed, have brought to him well merited success. He is now the owner of seventy-two acres of rich and arable land, of which sixty acres is comprised within the home farm in Madison township, while twelve acres lie in Springfield township. He still personally operates his farm and in its control displays excellent business ability and marked enterprise. He also owns two fine residences in the city of Mansfield and from these derives a good income.

Mr. Condon has in his possession a bottle which he values very highly, as it was made between 1775 and 1785 and was one of the first glass bottles ever manufactured in the United States. Upon it are eleven stars, the emblem of the eleven states which then constituted the Union. Its age is thus clearly defined and Mr. Condon is justly proud of this work of the early days. He is a representative of one of the old and honored pioneer families of Richland county, the family home being established here in the early part of the nineteenth century, while for more than the allotted age of man—three score years and ten—the farm upon which he resides has been owned by the family.

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#### GEORGE W. COBLE.

George W. Coble, who is engaged in the general practice of law in Shelby, with a large and distinctively representative clientele, was born in Sharon township, Richland county, about three miles from Shelby, October 6, 1877. His paternal grandfather, Christian Coble, came to this county from Pennsylvania and entered as a claim from the government the farm which is now

owned by his son, Israel Coble. Christian Coble secured this tract about 1835, entering one hundred and sixty acres, which he began to clear and improve. He was a weaver by trade and wove many coverlids for beds, which are still in existence, and not only indicate his handiwork but are also excellent specimens of a style common at that day. He continued to reside upon the farm until his death. His family numbered eight children: Mrs. Martha Keith, who is living at Shepard, Michigan; Mrs Susan Nicholeu whose home is in Alvordton, Ohio; Mrs. Elizabeth Crum, deceased; Mrs. Fannie Barga, who has also passed away; Mary, who is living in Sharon township; John, whose home is at Chicago Junction, Ohio; Israel, the father of our subject; and Levi, also a resident of Alvordton.

Israel Coble was born in Sharon township, Richland county, and for many years was closely associated with agricultural pursuits, but now resides in Shelby in honorable retirement from labor. However, he still owns ninety acres of the old homestead property, which has changed hands but once since his father entered it from the government three-quarters of a century ago. He married Miss Samantha Baker, a daughter of Daniel Baker, who came to Ohio from Pennsylvania and settled in Vernon township, Crawford county, while later he removed to Sharon township, Richland county. He was a carpenter by trade and for a long period made his home on a farm west of Shelby but at length retired to the town, where he spent his last days. His daughter became the wife of Israel Coble and unto them were born three children: Lulu G., now residing with her parents; Chester, who was killed at Deshler, Ohio, about five years ago while braking on a railroad; and George W., of this review.

In taking up the personal history of George W. Coble we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in Richland county. He was reared on the home farm and remained with his parents until twenty-one years of age, attending a district school. He also took up the profession of teaching, which he followed through five winter terms, while in the summer months his time was largely devoted to the improvement of his own education as a student in the Ohio Normal, now the Ohio Northern. Taking up the study of law in that institution, he was graduated with the class of 1902 and at once began practice, being admitted to the bar in June. In September following he became a partner of B. J. Cattey in Shelby, under the firm style of Cattey & Coble, an association which was maintained until the 1st of October, 1907, when the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Coble has since been alone in practice. He is accorded a liberal clientage and his devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial. He is also a stockholder in the Shelby Land & Improvement Company and The Buckeye Clay & Coal Company and is interested in all that pertains to the material development of the community.

On the 28th of June, 1906, Mr. Coble was married to Miss Grace Hedden, a native of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, where she was reared, her parents being George and Lovina Hedden. Prior to her marriage she was a teacher in the deaf and dumb institute at Columbus and was assigned as special teacher to John Porter Riley, who was not only deaf and dumb, but also blind. Unto

Mr. and Mrs. Coble has been born one daughter, Pauline. The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Coble gives his political support to the democracy. He is a champion of every movement for the public good, doing all in his power to advance the material, intellectual and moral progress of the community. He is well known here and in his profession is making substantial progress.

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#### D. B. LEITER.

A well improved farm of sixty-four acres, situated in Monroe township, is the home of D. B. Leiter, where in addition to tilling the soil he is engaged in Richland county, Ohio, July 21, 1841. The father's birth occurred in Maryland, while he mother was a native of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, in the raising of sheep. He is a son of David and Mary (Bell) Leiter, born The father came to Richland county in the year 1837, purchasing land here and making his home in this state throughout the remainder of his days. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. The family of this worthy couple numbered eleven children, only three of whom survive, the brothers of our subject being J. H. and G. W. Leiter, both of whom are residents of Richland county. The father passed away in the year 1876, being survived by his wife for four years, her death occurring in 1880.

D. B. Leiter, whose name introduces this record, was reared in the county which is still his place of residence. At the age of twenty years he enlisted in the Civil war as a member of Company E, Sixty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Gass. He participated in many important engagements, including the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, Dallas, New Hope Church, Lost Pine Mountain, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville. At Peach Tree Creek he had a horse shot from under him and in the same engagement he guided the Fifty-first Illinois Regiment to its position on the line from a heavy fire from Hood's charging columns. For this service he was highly complimented by General Bradley. Mr. Leiter was slightly wounded in the engagement at Chickamauga. He remained in the service for four years and three months and was in command of Company C, Fourth Ohio Regiment, when discharged at Victory, Texas, his valor and courage having won him promotion, for he entered the army as a private.

Following his discharge from the army, Mr. Leiter returned to Richland county and was engaged in teaching school in Monroe township during the winter seasons, while during the summer months he followed farming, the occupation to which as a young man he had been reared. He eventually became owner of the well improved farm of sixty-four acres, situated in Monroe township, which is his present home. Here he is engaged in raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also gives attention to the raising of stock, making a specialty of sheep. On his farm are found good

buildings and everything is kept in an excellent state of repair, so that he is numbered among the progressive farmers and stock-raisers of his section of the state.

Mr. Leiter chose as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Miss Lydia A. Stevick, who was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and came to Richland county with her parents at an early date. Here she was married to Mr. Leiter on the 27th day of August, 1867, and their union has been blessed with a daughter and two sons. Eda May, born November 23, 1868, is now the wife of William Bear, a carpenter, of Lucas, Ohio. They are the parents of one son, David C., who at the age of seventeen years is now attending Heidelberg University at Tiffin, Ohio. Arthur W., born September 27, 1872, was graduated from the Lucas school, after which he engaged in teaching for fifteen years, but now owns and operates a farm near Lucas. He wedded Miss Ervenna Hull and they are residing in Monroe township. Collin Garfield, who was born September 17, 1878, and wedded Edna V. Breese, has been engaged in teaching for the past eight years and has been connected with the high school of Tiffin, Ohio, for the last two years.

The political allegiance of Mr. Leiter is given to the men and measures of the republican party and he has been called to fill some public offices, having served as trustee two terms and justice of the peace for one term. His fraternal relations are with P. A. Swigart Post, No. 116, G. A. R., at Lucas, while both he and his wife are identified with the Congregational church, in the work of which they take a very active and helpful interest.

Having spent his entire life in Richland county, no man is more widely known or more highly esteemed. His life is exemplary in all respects, for he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving of highest commendation.

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#### JOHN CHAMPION.

For more than three score years and ten John Champion was a resident of Richland county and spent the greater part of his life on the farm on section 36, Plymouth township, where his widow now resides. He was born July 24, 1835, upon this farm, a son of Christian and Jemima (Cole) Champion, who came to Ohio from Pennsylvania and took up their abode on what is now the old homestead property, spending their remaining days here. The father was born March 11, 1802, and the mother's birth occurred November 6, 1806. They were married December 16, 1824, and for more than twenty years traveled life's journey together, the death of Mr. Champion occurring December 12, 1868, while his wife passed away January 7, 1848. Their family numbered eleven children.

John Champion, whose name introduces this record, was reared here amid the wild scenes and environments of pioneer life. During his early boyhood the forests were very largely uncut and the fields uncultivated. The



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streams, too, had not yet been bridged save in occasional places and comparatively few of the roads had been laid out. Mr. Champion, therefore, lived to see much of the growth and progress of the county as it emerged from pioneer conditions to take on all of the evidences of a modern civilization. He always resided upon the old homestead save for a period of about eight years spent on the farm a mile and a quarter from this place. He had eighty acres in the home farm and sixty acres in an adjoining tract and forty-eight in another. There were three sets of good farm buildings on his land and he made many improvements and added all the accessories and equipments of a model farm property. He was practical and energetic in all he undertook and never faltered in the performance of any task until he had successfully completed it.

In 1856 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Champion and Miss Christina Rester, who was born near Canton, Ohio, December 14, 1835. With her parents she removed to Wood county, the family home being established west of Fostoria, and later she came to this county. She is a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Lilly) Champion, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Stark county, Ohio, respectively. Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rester, were among the first settlers of this locality, establishing their home in the midst of the green woods among the Indians. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Champion were born three children: Lincoln, who resides upon one of the home farms and is married and has two children, Ethel and Otto; Amanda, the wife of Harlan Baldwin; and John, who is living on the home place and is married and has one child.

At the time of the Civil war Mr. Champion espoused the Union cause and became one of the famous regiment of "Squirrel Hunters" in 1862. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Pleasant Grove. His life was ever upright and honorable, his actions manly and sincere. Those who knew him entertained for him the warmest regard and he had many friends in the community where his entire life was passed. The old homestead was endeared to him through the associations of his boyhood and his connections in manhood and he found that the care of his property made heavy demands upon his time and attention, so that he always led a busy life and one which brought him a fair measure of success. He died on the 9th of March, 1906, honored and respected by all who knew him.

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#### AMOS DAY.

Amos Day, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on section 3, Washington township, was born in the house where he still lives on the 28th of July, 1875. His parents were Joseph B. and Amanda W. (Smith) Day, the former born in Washington township, April 8, 1842, and the latter in Richland county, January 15, 1847. The father began farming on a tract of sixty-two acres which is now a part of our subject's farm, made many

improvements thereon and was prosperous in his undertakings. His marriage was celebrated December 12, 1866, and he held membership in the English Lutheran church, while his wife was identified with the Presbyterian denomination. He held most of the township offices, serving as trustee for two terms and faithfully discharging every duty entrusted to his care. His death occurred May 4, 1897, and his wife was called to her final rest on the 29th of May, 1893. Unto this worthy couple were born three children. Robert W., whose birth occurred August 10, 1869, was killed by a horse on the 18th of December, 1881. While leading a span of horses to water the lead rope became tangled around his feet and the horses taking fright ran and dragged him through the timber. He was dead when found and the shock to his mother upon first seeing him, after being brought home, was so great that she lost consciousness and for nine years thereafter was an invalid. Thomas Day, who was born July 29, 1881, married Miss Maud Newlon and resides in Mansfield, Ohio.

Amos Day, the other member of the family, was reared on the farm which he now owns, and acquired his education in the district schools. His father died when he was twenty-one years of age and subsequently he and his brother conducted the home place for four years, after which they divided the property, the brother taking eighty acres and our subject sixty-two acres. Later Amos Day bought out his brother's interest but afterward disposed of forty acres, so that his holdings now comprise one hundred and two acres. He was compelled to borrow four thousand dollars in order to purchase his brother's interest in the old homestead farm but has been remarkably successful in his agricultural interests and has remodeled and improved the place until it is one of the fine properties of the township. He is widely recognized as a prosperous and enterprising agriculturist of the community, and the neat and thrifty appearance of his farm, with its many modern and substantial improvements, indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner.

On the 8th of March, 1899, Mr. Day was united in marriage to Miss Hattie May Alexander, whose birth occurred in Bellville, Ohio, April 14, 1880. Her parents were J. M. and Viola M. (Schuler) Alexander, the former born in Jefferson township, July 19, 1852, and the latter in Troy township. The father was reared on a farm and acquired his education in the district schools and at Bellville. When eighteen years of age he spent six months in Maine, his father's home state, and when he had attained the age of twenty-four years went to Chicago and thence to San Francisco. Returning home on the expiration of a year, he began farming on one of his father's farms south of Bellville, being thus engaged for four years. He then took up his abode in Bellville and for five years conducted a warehouse business, subsequently becoming connected with a sawmill enterprise. On the 5th of January, 1892, he purchased one hundred and forty-eight acres of land where he now resides, his farm at present comprising one hundred and twelve acres. He now makes a specialty of raising potatoes, and is well and favorably known as one of the enterprising and prosperous citizens of his native county. Unto him and his wife were born six children, all of whom are living:

Loren and Roy, both of Washington township; Mrs. Day; Mertie, at home; and Edith and Ethel, twins. Mr. and Mrs. Day have two children, namely: Mabel D., whose birth occurred July 31, 1902; and Marguerite H., who was born February 9, 1907.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Day has given stalwart allegiance to the men and measures of the republican party and has taken an active part in local politics, being frequently called upon to serve the public in positions of official trust and responsibility. In August, 1907, he was appointed a member of the state election board. Both he and his wife are devoted members of the English Lutheran church, and have gained an extensive circle of friends throughout the county in which they have spent their entire lives.

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#### JACOB LAHMAN.

Jacob Lahman, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, June 8, 1842, accompanied his parents, Abraham and Mary (Couter) Lahman, to Richland county, Ohio, in 1845. His maternal grandfather, Jacob Couter, was a soldier in the war of 1812, serving throughout the entire period of hostilities and participating in several battles. The Lahmans were of German descent, while the Couters were of French lineage. Abraham Lahman, the father of our subject, was an agriculturist by occupation and while in this state resided on a farm east of Bellville. He had a family of four children, two of whom died early in life.

Jacob Lahman attended district school No. 1 in Jefferson township and although his educational advantages were limited he has gained a fund of wide general information through reading, experience and observation in later years. When fifteen years of age he lost his father and thus the mother and children were compelled to provide for their own support as best they could. They had a small farm and he and his brother cultivated the place until 1861, when the war of the Rebellion broke out and it was decided that one brother was to enlist and the other to remain at home. Jacob was the one to go to the front but later his brother enlisted also, leaving the mother and two daughters alone on the farm. On the 27th of July, 1861, our subject entered the army as a private of Company E, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at Mansfield, Ohio. The regiment left Mansfield soon afterward and for two months remained at Camp Dennison, near Cincinnati. They were then transported to Grafton, West Virginia, marching immediately to Philippi and subsequently to Cheat Mountain, where they went into winter quarters. While on picket duty at this place Mr. Lahman had his feet frozen, was taken ill with intermittent fever and sent to the hospital at Beverly, West Virginia, where he remained but a short time before he was granted a furlough to return home. In the meantime his regiment was captured at Harper's Ferry but immediately paroled and sent to Chicago, where he joined his comrades and went to Cleveland, Ohio. They were

transported to Memphis, Tennessee, thence to Millikens Bend, Louisiana, and subsequently marched through the state and to the rear of Vicksburg, Mississippi. There Mr. Lahman was with his regiment during the entire siege, participating in the battle of Champion Hill and all the heavy skirmishing at that time. After the fall of Vicksburg they went on a week's raid, marching through the state of Louisiana and suffering much for the lack of water. On returning to Vicksburg they again started on a raid, captured the town of Marietta, Mississippi, destroyed the railroad and took up their winter quarters in Vicksburg. In the spring of 1864 they went to Decatur, there remaining for a short time and subsequently, marching toward Atlanta, overtook Sherman's army and engaged in the battle of Atlanta on the 22d of July, 1864. Mr. Lahman took part in all the engagements previous to the fall of Atlanta and then, his term of enlistment having expired, he was sent to Chattanooga, where he was discharged August 26, 1864, having served for three years and one month as a loyal and brave defender of the Union cause. Abraham Lahman, brother of Jacob Lahman, was a member of Company E, One Hundred and Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served for two years and eleven months. His death occurred at Warsaw, Indiana, at the age of twenty-seven years, on the 15th of August, 1868, as the result of brain fever contracted in the army.

After receiving an honorable discharge Jacob Lahman returned home and about two weeks afterward, on the 6th of October, 1864, was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth A. Robinson. Removing to Bellville, he there remained for a year, but on the expiration of that period returned to the old homestead to care for his aged mother and an invalid sister. For twelve years he was connected with the carpenter's trade and in the meantime erected a house on the home place. Subsequently he did light farming until his health failed and he rented the place. In 1882 he was given a pension of six dollars a month besides back pay, and this, together with the proceeds from his little farm, brought him an income sufficient to enable him to live comfortably. On the 28th of March, 1905, having sold the farm, he removed to Bellville, where he lived retired for two years, when in 1907 he took up his abode in Mansfield, where he lived until his death, April 28, 1908. He and his wife had no children of their own but adopted a daughter, Lucy Bridges, on the 19th of May, 1877.

On the 25th of February, 1877, Jacob Lahman joined the church at Mount Olive, Monroe township, and was transferred to the First Lutheran church in Mansfield in 1907. Fraternally he was a member of the Grand Army Post at Mansfield. He was well known and highly respected throughout the entire community as a citizen of worth and value, having for almost two-thirds of a century made his home in this county.

William E. Bridges, who resides with Mrs. Lahman and is a brother of her adopted daughter, enlisted in the regular army at Mansfield, Ohio, May 22, 1901, and was sent to Fort Sheridan, Illinois, being assigned to Company L, Twenty-ninth Infantry. He remained at that post until March 14, 1902, when he was ordered to Presidio, San Francisco, California, to await transportation to the Philippine Islands. At Presidio he was taken ill with

rheumatism and left behind, as the regiment had gone to the Philippines while he was in the hospital. On the 1st of May, however, he was sent on the next transport and in June arrived with his company at Bocolod, Philippine Islands. After six months at that place he became ill with dysentery and remained in the hospital for forty-two days. Subsequently he was sent to Guimaras Island, the members of his company being the first white men on the island. They put up tents but cholera broke out among the soldiers and they were sent to Iloilo, Panay Island. When the disease had abated they were again sent to Guimaras, going about four miles inland and there constructing quarters. Being afterward sent to Mindanao Island, they remained there for three months and then returned to Guimaras Island. From Camp Joosman, Guimaras, Mr. Bridges was sent to Iloilo on guard duty for one month, subsequently returning to Camp Joosman. His regiment was then mobilized and sent back to the United States, having served for two years in the Philippine Islands. On their trip home they stopped to coal for four days at Nagasaki, Japan, and at Honolulu, Hawaii Islands, they remained for five days, taking on one coast battery. Mr. Bridges arrived in Presidio on the 17th of May and was discharged on the 23d of that month, his term of enlistment having expired. He has since made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Lahman and is employed by the Mansfield Railway, Light & Power Company. He had two brothers, Charles F. and Milton D. Bridges, who served in the Tenth Regular Infantry. William E. Bridges is now a member of the United Spanish War Veterans.

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#### HENRY JOHN BARNES.

Henry John Barnes, who was formerly identified with building interests but is now engaged in general farming in Jackson township, is a native son of Richland county, born January 12, 1854. His parents, Patrick and Katharine (Picking) Barnes, were both natives of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married. There one child was added to the household, after which the father removed with his family to Jackson township, Richland county, Ohio, where he passed his remaining days. After removing here nine more children were born, the family record being as follows: Mrs. Susan Laser, deceased; Mrs. Mary Hawk, a resident of Illinois; Mrs. Johanna Maley, of Delaware, Ohio; Mrs. Zach Souder, who has passed away; Mrs. Rebecca Laser, who makes her home in Michigan; Mrs. Alice Hill, of Ohio City; Mrs. Nora Crum, of Franklin township; Henry John, of this review; George, who has departed this life; and William, of Michigan.

Henry John Barnes, whose name introduces this review, was reared on a farm to the age of twenty years, during which time he became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. At that age he became apprenticed to Jerry Shetzer to learn the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for eight years. At the expiration of that period, however, he

resumed farming. On his place was a stone quarry, which he operated for five years, having in his employ seven or eight men. His present property, situated on section 12, Jackson township, comprises one hundred and twenty acres, all of which is well improved and highly cultivated. The residence which he occupies was erected by himself, while he also built many substantial outbuildings for the care of his grain and stock. In his earlier years, in connection with his agricultural pursuits, he gave much attention to carpentering, but in his later life he has confined his attention more particularly to agriculture. He ever follows the most straightforward and honorable business methods and his labors have been crowned with success.

In 1882 Mr. Barnes established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Carrie Arminta Pittenger, who was born in Mifflin township, Richland county, November 16, 1862, being at the time of her marriage twenty years of age. She is a daughter of John M. and Arminta (Figley) Pittenger. The father was born in Franklin township, April 1, 1835, and his death was occasioned by an accident, November 8, 1905, when he was seventy years of age. He was a son of Isaac and Harriet (Myers) Pittenger, both of whom are natives of Harrison county, Ohio, and came to Richland county in 1833, spending their remaining days here. Mrs. Pittenger was born in Montgomery township, Ashland county, in November, 1835, and came to Richland county when twenty-four years of age. She still survives and makes her home in Jackson township. She became the mother of eight children, of whom five still survive. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes has been blessed with five children, two sons and three daughters: Arthur, Pearl, Carrie, Fred and Ethel.

The political views of Mr. Barnes accord with the principles of democracy. He has been called to fill some local offices, having served as township trustee for six years and as constable for two terms, while for ten years he was a member of the school board. He and his family are members of St. Peter's Lutheran church of London, in which he has filled various offices. Having spent his entire life in Richland county, covering a period of fifty-four years, he is thoroughly familiar with its history. He may well be classed among its prominent pioneer citizens and no man of this section of the state is held in higher esteem.

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#### J. HOWARD CLARK.

The farm of eighty acres, situated on section 12, Plymouth township, Richland county, which is now owned and operated by J. Howard Clark, has been in possession of the family for more than six decades. The gentleman, whose name introduces this review, was born in the house which is still standing on the place, May 19, 1863, and with the exception of five years spent in Crawford county, this state, he has always resided here.

His paternal grandfather, Eli Clark, was a native of Connecticut, and came to Richland county in 1846, at which time he bought and located on

this place. He followed farming throughout his entire life and also conducted a sawmill. The trip to this state from the east was made by boat from Buffalo to Sandusky, as this was prior to the building of the railroads in this section of the state.

Eli Clark, Jr., the father of our subject, was also born and reared in Connecticut and was married there May 1, 1850, to Miss Caroline Bolles, after which he located on the home farm and there carried on general agricultural pursuits throughout his remaining days. He also conducted a sawmill for more than forty years and was known as a straightforward business man. He led a quiet life and passed away on his farm in 1893, when he had reached the age of sixty-eight years, while his wife survived him for only a short period, passing away March 24, 1894, when sixty-seven years of age. Their family numbered three children, namely: Lorenzo, who was born in 1858 and died in 1894, leaving a widow and three sons; J. Howard, of this review; and John A., who is engaged in the grocery business in Shelby, Ohio.

J. Howard Clark was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, assisting in the work of the fields from the time of early spring planting until the crops were harvested in the late autumn. He acquired his education in the district schools near his father's home, attending only in the winter months when his services were not required on the home farm. He has always followed the occupation to which he was reared and is now the owner of the old home property, comprising eighty acres, situated on section 12, Plymouth township, and he also owns fifty acres adjoining and another tract of one hundred and eighty acres in Auburn township, Crawford county, so that his landed possessions now embrace three hundred and ten acres, all of which is well improved and has been placed under a high state of cultivation. He operates all of this property, working earnestly and persistently year by year, so that he has now accumulated quite a handsome competence and is numbered among the substantial agriculturists of Richland county.

Mr. Clark established a home of his own by his marriage on the 21st of October, 1885, to Miss Effie A. Dawson, who was born in Auburn township, Crawford county, June 11, 1865, a daughter of William and Rebecca J. (Doty) Dawson, the former a native of England, while the latter was born in Ashland county, Ohio. Their family numbered four children, of whom Mrs. Clark is the second in order of birth. The others are: Elmer L., a resident of Butler, Indiana; Emma R., the wife of Andrew C. Trowbridge, of Chicago, Illinois; and Ida M., the wife of Louis Clemmons, also of Chicago. Both the parents are now deceased, having passed away in Plymouth township. By her marriage Mrs. Clark has become the mother of one son, Russell D. Clark.

Mr. Clark gives his political support to the men and measures of democracy but has never been active as an office seeker, his private business interests occupying his full time and attention. He is a member of Auburn Grange, of which he is now serving as secretary. He is also identified with the Odd Fellows' lodge in Plymouth. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Clark has spent his entire life in Richland

county and is, therefore, well known to our readers. He ever follows the most honorable and straightforward methods in his dealings with his fellow-men and is, therefore, highly esteemed by all with whom he is brought in contact.

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#### J. C. OHLER.

J. C. Ohler, whose name introduces this record, needs no introduction to our readers, for he is well known in the agricultural circles of Richland county, owning and operating a valuable tract of two hundred thirteen and a half acres, situated on section 28, Monroe township. He is a native of the Buckeye state, his birth having occurred in Ashland county, February 17, 1845. His parents, Jacob and Abigail (Hersh) Ohler, were both natives of the Keystone state, the former of Franklin county, while the latter was born in Lancaster county. Their union was blessed with seven children, as follows: Hannah, deceased; Solomon, a resident of Monroe township; Martin, who has passed away; Elizabeth, the wife of J. C. Sowash, who lives near Lucas, Ohio; Katharine, also deceased; J. C., of this review; and Jessie, who has passed away. The wife and mother passed to her final reward in 1861 and was survived by the husband and father for a long period, his death occurring in 1889.

J. C. Ohler, whose name introduces this record, was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the common schools. He remained at home until he attained his majority. In 1867 Mr. Ohler was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth M. Baughman, who lived but one year, leaving a son four weeks old, Marion M. Ohler, who resides in Monroe township. He worked as a farm hand for three years. He then rented the farm on which he now resides, operating the same for a number of years, or until 1897, when he purchased the farm consisting of two hundred, thirteen and one-half acres, situated on section 28, Monroe township. Here he has since been engaged in general farming and also raises considerable stock, making a specialty of Holstein cattle.

In 1870 Mr. Ohler was united in marriage to Miss Jane M. Tucker, who was born in 1852 on the farm which is now her home. Her parents, Aurelius and Isabella (Alexander) Tucker, were both born in Richland county and became the parents of five children, namely: Laura, deceased; Mrs. Ohler; Emma, the wife of Dr. C. W. Skaggs, a resident of Green Spring, Sandusky county, Ohio; Lily M., deceased; and Sarah A., who has also passed away. The mother of this family died in 1894, being survived by the husband and father for three years, his death occurring in 1897.

Mrs. Ohler's paternal grandfather, John Tucker, left his home in New Hampshire at an early day and made his way to Terre Haute, Indiana, covering the entire distance on foot. When he arrived there the place contained but one house and the fort. After remaining there for a short time he continued his journey to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was offered ten acres of land for one hundred dollars, but this he refused to buy. After spending a short time in the latter city he again returned to New Hampshire on foot and remained a year. Once more he started westward, this time making his way to Richland



MR. AND MRS. J. C. OHLER.



county, Ohio. Here he entered land from the government, on which he built a small log cabin and after completing this he returned to New Hampshire, where he was married in 1821. He then brought his young bride to his new home, traveling with a one-horse wagon. Locating upon his farm he there made his home for thirty-two years. He moved to Kosciusko county, Indiana, in 1853. His death occurred in 1879, at the home of his son, Aurelius, on the farm that had been his home on first coming to Ohio. During the spring and summer months he gave his attention to general agricultural pursuits, while in the winter months he engaged in teaching, having taught altogether sixty terms of school. When they first located here it was six months before Mrs. Tucker saw a white woman and it was not uncommon for wolves to roam in the dooryard. Their nearest neighbor was two and a half miles distant and Mr. Tucker had to go nine miles to grind his ax. When in Fort Wayne, Indiana, he saw the stump of a tree from which one thousand rails were split and he helped to cut down a bee tree in which were seventeen gallons of honey. His family numbered six sons and three daughters. After a happy married life of fifty-four years he and his wife were separated by the death of the latter, who passed away in Indiana. Mr. Tucker then divided his possessions among his children, with whom he spent his remaining days. He was temperate in his habits, never being known to use tobacco or intoxicating drinks in any form, and was a man of high moral worth. He was a firm believer in the Swedenborgian religion and did much to spread that faith among others. He was a constant reader and one of the best posted Bible students in this part of the state. He was also a ready debater and at one time accepted a challenge from Michael Hogan, who was one of the most highly educated laymen in the Catholic church. The debate lasted four days and the final decision was given by Mr. Hogan in the following words: "Mr. Tucker, you have answered every question I asked you and every answer you have given has corresponded with every other answer, and now let us never talk on this subject again, but we will be friends just as we have always been." This friendship continued as long as they lived. During the last two years of his life Mr. Tucker was blind and for sixteen months was an invalid needing constant attention. He had unfaltering faith and to him Christ was a living presence. With all his afflictions he never worried. When death came to him he was laid to rest by the side of his wife in Indiana. Like his father, Aurelius Tucker was also a devout Christian, a splendid neighbor and ever ready to aid his fellowmen. He took an active part in church work and held office in the church most of his life. He began the battle of life for himself at the age of eighteen years as a teacher and for several years successfully followed that profession, endeavoring to govern his school with as little use of the rod as possible. He was held in the highest esteem by his pupils and to this day many testify to his kindly nature and willingness to aid them. Later in life he followed agricultural pursuits. Both he and his wife now rest side by side in the Pleasant Valley cemetery in Monroe township.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ohler have been born eight children, as follows: Lena Bell, who was born in 1871 and died in 1889; Horace A., who was born in 1872 and now resides in Seneca county, this state; Ivan D., who was born

in 1873 and lives in Washington township; Leroy C., who was born in 1875 and is now deceased; Emma E., who was born in 1877 and is now the wife of John T. Culler, of Ashland county; Tracy T., who was born in 1878 and is now deceased; Charles C., who was born in 1880 and is now assisting his father in the operation of the home farm; and Jessie D., who was born in 1891 and is at home.

Mr. Ohler identifies himself politically with the democratic party, but gives his support to the men who, in his judgment, are best qualified morally, socially and legally for the place they are asking of the people, regardless of party. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church, Mr. Ohler being one of the charter members of the Pleasant Valley church, which was organized in 1867, and excepting about two years has been an officer in the church. He has been superintendent of the Sabbath school during these years forty terms of six months each. Mr. Ohler has never used tobacco in any form, or any intoxicating liquors, and is an ardent advocate of temperance. No matter in what relation of life we find him, whether in business circles, in social or private life, he is ever the same honored and honorable gentleman, and thus he is highly esteemed by all with whom he comes in contact.

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#### EMERSON BEMILLER.

Emerson Bemiller, who follows farming in Worthington township, was born September 5, 1870, in the same locality where he now makes his home and is one of fourteen children whose parents were Valentine and Mary (Garber) Bemiller. The father was born in Germany in 1825 and when but four years of age was brought to the United States by his parents, the family home being established in Worthington township, Richland county, Ohio, where the grandfather of our subject entered land from the government. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon the place at that time.

As Valentine Bemiller advanced in years and strength he aided more and more largely in the work of the farm and throughout his entire life he carried on general agricultural pursuits, displaying such sound judgment and unfaltering diligence that he thereby won a gratifying measure of success. He accumulated much land and his judicious investments made him a prosperous resident of the community. He always took a very active part in politics as a stalwart supporter of the democratic party, yet the honors and emoluments of office had no attractions for him. In early manhood he married Miss Mary Garber, who was born in Worthington township in 1827 and is still living on the home farm. Mr. Bemiller, however, passed away in 1899 and eight of their children are now deceased. The six still living are: Daniel, William and Rueben, all residents of Worthington township; Mrs. Amanda Crunkilton, living in Knox county, Ohio; Mrs. Mary Clever, of Toledo, this state; and Emerson.

The home farm was the playground of Emerson Bemiller in his youth and also the training school in which he gained familiarity with the business that he has made his life work. His intellectual training was received in



AURELIUS TUCKER.



JOHN TUCKER.



MARY TUCKER.



ISABELLA TUCKER.



the common schools near his father's home and also by six months' study at Butler. In early youth he began working on his father's farm and afterward engaged in teaching school for two terms, but at the time of his marriage turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, locating on a rented farm until he was able to purchase property. In 1896 with the capital he had acquired from his economy and industry he bought one hundred and forty-four acres and ten years later, in 1906, he purchased ninety-nine acres more. He has since sold a portion of his farm, but still retains the ownership of two hundred and two acres, which constitute one of the best improved properties in this part of the state. Few men of his years have been more successful in agricultural lines and he certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished.

On the 11th of November, 1893, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Bemiller and Miss Alberta Wilson, who was born in Worthington township in 1870. She was a daughter of Erastus and Sarah J. (Calhoun) Wilson and passed away February 28, 1903. There were five children by that marriage, of whom four are now living: Mabel, Pearl, Gladys and Grace. For his second wife Mr. Bemiller chose Miss Lizzie Palmer, who was born in Ashland county, Ohio, whom he wedded in 1904. They now have two sons, Charley and Brice. The parents hold membership in the Baptist church and Mr. Bemiller gives his political allegiance to the democracy. No inheritance or influential friends aided him at the outset of his career. On the contrary, he placed his sole dependence upon unfaltering energy, recognizing the fact that "there is no royal road to wealth." Gradually he is working his way upward and is today the owner of a valuable property which is bringing him a substantial annual income as the reward of his persistent labor.

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#### J. E. HARTER.

J. E. Harter, who is successfully engaged in the livery business in Bellville, was born in Monroe township, Richland county, Ohio, January 19, 1861, his parents being Emanuel and Elizabeth (Ridenour) Harter. The paternal grandfather had come from Pennsylvania. The father of our subject was likewise a native of Monroe township, Richland county, and followed agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career, passing away in 1900. His wife was called to her final rest nineteen years ago. Unto this worthy couple were born ten children, namely: Martha, the wife of Henderson Fleming, a farmer of Worthington township; William, of Williams county, Ohio; J. E., of this review; Lovey, the wife of William Stafford, a farmer of Worthington township; Alma, the wife of George Mock, also of Worthington township; Minnie, the wife of Sheridan Hoover, who resides in Mansfield; Charles, an oil man of Wood county, Ohio; Oscar, who is engaged in the oil business in Hancock county; Verda, the wife of Charles Dill, of Worthington township; and Anna, the wife of Ora Holland, of Jefferson township.

J. E. Harter acquired his education in the schools of Bellville and remained under the parental roof until he had attained the age of twenty-five years. He then followed farming in Jefferson township for two years and on the expiration of that period took up his abode in Bellville, where he has since resided. He is now the oldest liveryman in the city, having been engaged in this line of activity for the past eleven years, and has gained a gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity.

In 1886 Mr. Harter was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Mowrey, of Jefferson township, by whom he has four children: Earl and Florence, who are at home; Don, who passed away in 1906; and Dale, also at home.

In his political views Mr. Harter is a stalwart republican and has served as constable for ten years, being still the incumbent in that position. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church and fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 382. Having spent his entire life in this county, he is well and favorably known as a substantial and enterprising business man and upright citizen.

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#### C. C. HUNTSMAN.

The farm in Perry township on which C. C. Huntsman now makes his home was also the place of his birth, which occurred October 13, 1859. His parents were A. C. and Mary (Culp) Huntsman, the former also born on this farm, June 25, 1830. During the Civil war he was called to serve for one hundred days and while doing duty was wounded with a bayonet, which entered about four inches above the heart, passed through his body and came out at the shoulder blade. Following the expiration of his term of service he returned to his home and resumed farming, which he followed until his death, which occurred October 8, 1902, when he had reached the age of seventy-two years. He had been married September 29, 1857, to Miss Mary A. Culp, who was born in Richland county, September 9, 1833, and was one of a family of four children. By her marriage she became the mother of three children: Delano, who is now deceased; C. C., whose name introduces this record; and Wellington T., a resident of Toledo, Ohio.

C. C. Huntsman was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, assisting his father in the operation of the home place from the time of early spring planting until the crops were harvested in the late autumn, while during the winter seasons he attended the common schools, wherein he mastered the common branches of learning. In connection with his brother he is now the owner of the old homestead property, which comprises one hundred and fifty-nine acres of land, located on section 22, Perry township. This is improved with a good residence and substantial outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, while the land has been placed under a high state of cultivation and yields abundant crops as a reward for the care and labor he bestows upon it. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he

is also engaged in raising and feeding stock, making quite a specialty of this branch of business, in which he is meeting with excellent success.

Mr. Huntsman chose as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life, Miss Alice M. Vickroy, whom he wedded on the 19th of April, 1883. She was one of a family of eight children and was born in Richland county, November 27, 1863, being, therefore, in her twentieth year at the time of her marriage. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Huntsman has been blessed with eight children, as follows: Pearl C., the wife of Joseph Sidell, a resident of Fostoria, Ohio; Harry, at home; Fred, also under the parental roof; Florence A., Orrin R., who is deceased; Edith C., Marion C. and Lee Miles.

Politically Mr. Huntsman has allied himself with the republican party and has served as supervisor, but is in no sense a man who aspires to public office, preferring to give his time and attention to his own private interests. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are highly esteemed in the community in which they have so long resided, the hospitality of their own pleasant home being enjoyed by their many friends and acquaintances.

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#### FRED S. MARQUIS.

Fred S. Marquis, one of the well known and prominent native sons of Mansfield and connected with the legal interests of the city as a member of the firm of Huston & Marquis, was born on the 29th of September, 1873. His father, Joseph S. Marquis, whose birth occurred in Pennsylvania, came to Mansfield in 1866 and engaged in the business of piano tuning. He was captain in a regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers, serving on General Crawford's staff, and was one of several brothers who fought for the interests of the Union throughout the Civil war, none of them sustaining injury. The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Mary Stocking and a native of Painesville, Ohio, still survives. The Marquis family is of French Huguenot extraction, having come to the United States from Canada, while the Stockings are of old English lineage, members of the family settling in New York at an early period.

Fred S. Marquis is one of two children, his elder brother, Frank H., being assistant cashier of the Mansfield Savings Bank. The former acquired his education in the grammar and high schools of his native city and upon his graduation from the Mansfield high school in 1890 he secured a position as clerk in the Boston Store, having charge of the house furnishing department. Subsequently he went to Wooster, where in the employ of The Wooster Piano Company he learned the trade of piano tuning and repairing, which line of activity claimed his attention until 1897. In that year he entered the law office of J. C. Laser, continuing his reading there until called out with the Eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry for military duty in the Spanish-American war, serving from April 25 until November 21, 1898, as captain of Company M. While in Santiago, Cuba, his command was attached to

the Fifth Army Corps under General Shafter. He was one of the original officers on the organization of Company M in February, 1893, being chosen first lieutenant, while in November, 1893, he was elected captain and in November, 1899, became major, which commission he still holds. At the close of the war, in 1899, he entered the law department of the Ohio State University and immediately after his admission to the bar in June, 1900, he became a partner in the law firm of Laser, Huston & Marquis. In 1907 the firm name was changed to Huston & Marquis, Mr. Huston being prosecuting attorney of Richland county. Along with those qualities indispensable to the lawyer—a keen, rapid, logical mind plus the business sense, and a ready capacity for hard work—Mr. Marquis brought to the starting point of his legal career certain rare gifts—eloquence of language and a strong personality. An excellent presence, an earnest, dignified manner, marked strength of character, a thorough grasp of the law, and the ability accurately to apply its principles are factors in his effectiveness as an advocate.

Mr. Marquis is secretary of the board of managers of the Ohio State Reformatory, secretary and treasurer of the Ohio State Rifle Association, and fraternally is connected with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Elks. He is likewise a member of the Spanish War Veterans. A stanch republican in his political views, he takes a very active part in the local ranks of the organization and has served as a delegate at many state conventions, but has no desire to gain elective office as a reward for his party fealty. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Presbyterian church, where he is first tenor in the choir and has sung in many oratorios.

On the 1st of October, 1903, at Mansfield, Mr. Marquis was united in marriage to Florence, daughter of V. C. Routzahn, an organizer, promoter and prominent financier of his city. Mrs. Marquis is well known as a member of society here, being connected with several social clubs and highly esteemed as a lady of culture and refinement.

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#### OVID M. RAY.

Ovid M. Ray, residing on his valuable and well improved farm on section 11, Washington township, has for twenty-two years been continuously engaged in teaching in this county. He was born February 5, 1863, in the village of Washington, Richland county, Ohio, his parents being Ovid M. and Mary (McGregor) Ray, the former born in Vermont in November, 1820, and the latter in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1834. They removed westward to Nebraska with their respective parents in an early day, met and married in that state in 1854, and in 1856 came to Ohio, locating in the village of Washington, where the father was employed as a common laborer. He enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving in the war for four years. In politics he was a stanch republican, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Baptist church. His death occurred January 24, 1901, while his wife, who had been a

member of the Methodist Episcopal church since girlhood, passed away in January, 1903. Unto this worthy couple were born four children. John W. makes his home in the west. R. Bentley is a graduate of Harvard University in medicine and theology, having worked his way through college. He is now preaching the gospel and also practicing medicine in West Concord, Minnesota. Emma B. is the wife of J. B. Miller of Bellville, Ohio.

Ovid M. Ray, the second of the family, was reared in the village of his nativity and supplemented his common-school education by a course in the high school at Lucas. In 1886 he began teaching in a school in Washington and was instructor in this same institution for the following eleven years—probably a longer term of continuous service in one school than that of any other teacher in the county. He is still an important factor in the educational development of this county and has now been a teacher for twenty-two consecutive years, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge which he has acquired. In 1890 he purchased thirty-six acres of land, which he subsequently sold, and in 1895 bought eighty acres of the farm where he now resides on section 11, Washington township. The place now comprises one hundred and one acres of rich and productive land and is an excellent and up-to-date farm, for he has remodeled the buildings and made many substantial improvements. He hires a man to do the active work of the fields, but gives general supervision to his agricultural interests, and is highly esteemed as one of the prosperous farmers and well known educators of the county.

On the 16th of March, 1890, Mr. Ray was united in marriage to Miss Florence Taylor, whose birth occurred on her grandfather's farm in Washington township, on the 9th of February, 1866. She is a daughter of George and Olive C. (Shoup) Taylor, the former born in England, November, 23, 1835, and the latter in Washington township, March 24, 1844. George Taylor came to America with his father in 1842, locating in Washington township, Richland county, Ohio. He acquired a common-school education, and in 1864 enlisted as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Sixty-third Regiment of National Guards. He was sent to Fort Reno and Fort Kearney and subsequently to Grant on the Jim river, thence to Petersburg and afterward to Wilson's Landing. He purchased eighty acres of land from his father and is still engaged in its cultivation, meeting with a gratifying and well merited measure of success in his agricultural interests. The barn that now stands on the place was one of the first to be erected in Richland county.

He was married on the 12th of February, 1865, and Mrs. Taylor recalls many of the vicissitudes and dangers incident to war times. She and a sister and her mother cut wheat with a scythe and cradle and bound it by hand, for all the able-bodied men were on the field of battle. On one occasion her grandmother, being attracted by an unusual noise in the yard, looked out and discovered that a bear had invaded the premises and was hugging one of the pigs. She quickly sent for her husband, who shot the bear. Unto Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor were born three children, namely: Mrs. Ray; Bertha E., the wife of Harry Pierce, of Washington township; and Annie E., who became the

wife of Walter Wilds and likewise makes her home in Washington township. Mr. and Mrs. Ray have four children: Edna, Fannie, George B. and Bertha.

In his political views Mr. Ray is a stanch republican and has served as justice of the peace for three years, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial. For the past twenty years he has also acted as notary public. Both he and his wife are members of the Disciples of Christ church, in which he is serving as superintendent of the Sunday school. Having resided in this county throughout his entire life, he is well and favorably known here and has gained the warm regard and friendship of all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### GEORGE M. SKILES.

George M. Skiles, senior member of the law firm of Skiles, Green & Skiles, practicing at Shelby and in the courts of this district, has been a member of the bar since 1878 and has gained distinction as a representative of the profession. He is also connected with various corporate interests and the extent and importance of his professional and business connections make him one of the most prominent and representative citizens of Richland county. He was born at Stowstown, Pennsylvania, February 25, 1852, a son of John G. and Sarah J. (Martin) Skiles, who were natives of Pennsylvania. They lived in Cumberland county, that state, and in 1855 came to Richland county, Ohio, where they spent their remaining days, the father following the occupation of farming here. The mother is still living at the advanced age of eighty-six years, but the father passed away in 1891. Their children were Mary, the wife of A. L. Cramer, of Shelby; the Hon. W. W. Skiles, who was congressman of this district and is now deceased; George M.; John C., who was county commissioner at the time of his death; Valley, the wife of H. E. Bell, an attorney at Mansfield; Jennie, the wife of George Smith, of Marion county; and Getta, the wife of Bart Crum, of Franklin township, this county.

George M. Skiles at the age of three years was brought by his parents to Shelby, where he has since made his home. He attended the Baldwin University, at Berea, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1876 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In preparation for the practice of law he studied with the firm of Matson, Darlam & Layman, of Mansfield, and was admitted to the bar in 1877. He began practice in Shelby, where he has remained continuously in the profession for thirty years. He is now largely confining his practice to railroad and personal injury cases, although he yet engages to some extent in general practice. His comprehensive understanding of the law, his keen intellectual power and his logical deductions make him a formidable adversary and one whose strength is indicated in the many verdicts which he has won favorable to his clients.

Aside from his profession Mr. Skiles is recognized as a man of keen business discernment and executive ability. He is connected with various corporate interests in positions of administrative direction, being now vice



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president and director of the Shelby Electric Company, with which he has been thus identified since its organization; vice president of the Shelby Printing Company from its organization; and vice president of the Shelby Water Company since it was organized. He is likewise the president of the Shelby Telephone Company and a director of the Citizens Bank, vice president of the Ohio Seamless Tube Company, of Shelby, Ohio; and these various concerns have profited by the stimulus of his sound judgment and business enterprise.

In 1877 Mr. Skiles was married to Miss Elizabeth Clark, a native of Richland county and a daughter of S. A. Clark. Their children are Roscoe C., who is a law partner of his father; Blanche G., the wife of T. J. Green, who is also in partnership with her father; Grace A., the wife of H. D. Kuhn, a druggist of Shelby; and Glen, at home.

In politics Mr. Skiles has been a life-long republican and is presidential elector for the fourteenth congressional district for the year 1908. He is a most earnest and active worker in local party ranks and has done much to advance the interests of the organizations in this part of the state. In all his public dealings that he is actuated by the desire for general improvement and progress no one questions. He was one of the organizers and is a popular member of the Colonial Club and is chief tribune for the state of Ohio in the Grand Tribunal of the Knights of Pythias. He has been connected with it since its organization and is now serving for the fourth term. His life has been a most active and useful one. His career, both public and private, is marked by the strictest integrity and faithfulness to every trust reposed in him. He is known in his home community as an honorable man, a pleasant, social companion and one who is devoted to the welfare of his family and friends.

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#### DAVID CRAIGHEAD.

A valuable and well improved farm of two hundred and twenty-eight acres, which is located on sections 25 and 36, Jackson township, stands to the credit of David Craighead, who deserves great praise for what he has accomplished, for he started out in life empty-handed and through his own and well directed labors he has acquired the property on which he today makes his home.

He is a native son of the Buckeye state, born in Mansfield, December 19, 1836, a son of John and Alesenna (Johnson) Craighead, both natives of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, the former born May 5, 1802, and the latter November 20, 1804. They were married February 10, 1831. After a residence of five years in the Keystone state they removed, in 1836, to a farm near Mansfield, where the father engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1850 the father removed with his family to a farm in Jackson township and there his remaining days were passed. Their family numbered eight children, as follows: William, deceased; Mrs. Anna Marley, a resident of Missouri; James, who has departed this life; David, of this review; Stevenson, who is also

deceased; and three who died in childhood. The father died in 1857 while the mother's death occurred November 2, 1856.

David Craighead, the immediate subject of this sketch, was reared on his father's farm, assisting in plowing, planting and harvesting from the time of his early youth, so that when he started out in life on his own account he was thoroughly familiar with farm labor. He has always followed the occupation of farming and is today the owner of two hundred and twenty-eight acres of valuable land, situated on sections 25 and 36, Jackson township. On the place are found two sets of buildings, all of which have been placed here by our subject, while in many other ways he has improved the farm so that today it is a model property. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he is also engaged in stock-raising to some extent, and in carrying on his business he follows only the most modern methods and uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate his labors.

Mr. Craighead was united in marriage in Mansfield, November 29, 1859, to Miss Louisa Hall, who was born in Franklin township, Richland county, September 3, 1839, a daughter of Robert and Susan (Craut) Hall, both of whom were natives of the Buckeye state and both are now deceased. By her marriage Mrs. Craighead became the mother of five children, namely: Alice, the wife of Smith Kirkpatrick, of Jackson township; William, who resides on a part of the homestead farm; Caroline, the wife of J. H. Hess; Robert B., at home; and Lee, of California. The wife and mother died in 1902 at the age of sixty-three years.

Mr. Craighead supports the men and measures of democracy and served as trustee of Jackson township for three terms. He is a member of the Lutheran church at Spring Mills. Starting out in life with no education and with no financial assistance he has steadily worked his way upward year by year, brooking no obstacles that he could overcome through determined and persistent effort, so that he is well entitled to be called a self-made man. Today his fine farm of two hundred and twenty-eight acres stands as evidence of what he has accomplished in the business world and no man of this section of the state is more highly esteemed than is Mr. Craighead.

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#### WILLIAM BERNO.

The commercial interests of Mansfield find a well known and worthy representative in William Berno, who is successfully conducting a dry-goods store at No. 28 Main street. In an analyzation of his life record it will be found that his prosperity has resulted from his ambition and determination to succeed, coupled with a strong personality and a genial disposition, together with an ability to make friends. Obstacles seemingly insurmountable have been overcome by him and he is justly accounted one of the most progressive merchants of the city.

He was born in Mansfield July 29, 1869, a son of Jacob and Dorothy (Gutale) Berno, both of whom were natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, but

came to America between the ages of fifteen and eighteen years with their respective parents, who located in the vicinity of Mansfield. The father died thirty years ago, in 1878, while the mother's death occurred in 1876. Their family numbered seven children, of whom William was the sixth in order of birth. Five of the number are now living: Anna, the wife of James Moore, of Manchester, Virginia; Katherine E., the wife of George Kline, a groceryman of Mansfield; Charlotte, the wife of George Stuhldreher, also a groceryman of this city; and Mary, the widow of John Casey, of Mansfield.

William Berno acquired his education in the parochial schools of his native city and at the age of fourteen years entered the grocery business with the firm of Kallmerten & Koch, with whom he continued for a year and a half. He was afterward employed with other grocers of the city, including J. J. King and the firm of A. W. Ramey & Son, spending about eighteen months in each house. He next entered the employ of McCracken & Company, dry-goods merchants, whom he represented for two years as a salesman. On the expiration of that period he went to Dubuque, Iowa, where he was employed as clerk for James Levy & Company, proprietors of a dry-goods store, for two years. When that time had passed he returned to Mansfield and once more entered the old establishment in which he had formerly been employed, and which was now the property of the Thompson Dry Goods Company. That concern was four years later merged into the Hahn-Berno Company, of which Mr. Berno six years later became sole proprietor. This change took place about four years ago and since that time under the able management of the present owner the business has increased in large measure, now occupying nearly double the space that it did when he became the sole owner. It is one of the leading establishments of this character in the city. Mr. Berno carries a large and well selected line of goods, his prices are reasonable and his efforts to build up the business are meeting with the most gratifying success. He has never been content to follow in the lead of others, but is himself an educator and leader in business affairs. If new styles and goods appear on the market he does not wait until the demand is created and then make his purchases, but buys the goods and creates the demand. He is indeed a wide-awake, up-to-date, enterprising merchant who looks ahead and sees beyond the exigencies of the moment to the possibilities of the future. He has learned to discriminate between the essential and the non-essential, to retain the former and to avoid the latter, and his business, conducted along modern lines, is bringing him gratifying prosperity.

On the 10th of October, 1893, Mr. Berno was married in St. Peter's church, at Mansfield, to Miss Constance Louise Walter, a daughter of Fred Walter, a pioneer wholesale merchant of Mansfield. They have four children: Marie Frederica, Joseph Anthony, Constance Isabelle, and Paul Ignatius, aged thirteen, nine, four and two years respectively. Mrs. Berno is an accomplished musician, both as a vocalist and performer on the piano. Her services have been frequently solicited for public performances in Mansfield and she has been a member of the choir of St. Peter's church for a number of years. She has had charge of the millinery department in the Berno establishment for the past three years, since which time it has grown to

be one of the foremost departments of fashionable millinery in this section of the state.

Mr. Berno is independent in politics, preferring to support men and measures rather than party. He is a member of the Mansfield Mercantile Association and the Chamber of Commerce, in both of which he is an active worker and has served on numerous committees whereby the interests of the organizations in their objective purposes have been conserved. He also belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Elks' lodge and St. Peter's Catholic church. He is a man of genial and social nature, whose admirable social qualities and unfeigned cordiality have gained him many friends. His life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor, and today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of his county. What he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate talents and powers. He is distinctly a man of affairs and one who is wielding a wide influence.

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#### RUFUS B. HAYES.

Rufus B. Hayes, who is successfully conducting business at Shelby as a florist, now enjoying a large and growing trade, was born on the old home-stead, two miles east and one mile south of Shelby, his natal day being June 5, 1860. He is a son of Charles L. Hayes, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. He resided upon the home farm until twenty-eight years of age, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, while the public schools afforded him the educational privileges that equipped him for life's practical and responsible duties.

When he started out in life on his own account he cultivated rented land. Later he disposed of his farming interests and established a general store, which he conducted for five years, but thinking to find a more profitable and congenial field of labor in the florist business he established a greenhouse in the fall of 1893. He started first with a shed house twenty-five by thirty-five feet, but has kept enlarging from time to time to meet the growing demands of his trade until he now has sixteen thousand five hundred square feet under glass. His products are of various varieties, but he makes a specialty of the growing of lettuce. He began the growing of vegetable plants the first year and managed to make a living, although the hard times of 1893 came on. He now ships all over the state and in addition to the production of vegetables he is extensively engaged in the raising of flowers, with carnations as a specialty. In addition to the square feet he has under glass he also utilizes four acres in the conduct of his business. Through experimentation and investigation he has brought forth some original carnations, which will be on exhibit at the meeting of the American Carnation Society next year in Indianapolis. Columbus is his principal shipping point, although his trade extends to many parts of the state. As the years have passed he has built up an excellent

business and in the production of flowers and vegetables has a trade that is now very extensive and profitable.

In 1892 Mr. Hayes was married to Miss Emma Droll, a native of Illinois and a daughter of M. P. Droll. They now have one son, Damon, and they lost a son, Martin L., in infancy. Mr. Hayes has always lived in this county and is well known here, while his business record has won him the admiration and deserved commendation of all. He has applied himself closely to the mastery of the work which he took up fifteen years ago and the secret of his success is found in his application, his unfaltering enterprise and his genuine interest in his chosen vocation.

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#### J. E. HUMPHREY.

J. E. Humphrey was born near McKay, Ashland county, Ohio, May 15, 1863, his parents being John and Rebecca Humphrey. They were widely known and highly respectable people, who after fifty-four years of married life, during which time they helped clear away the forest on their farm, placed broad acres under cultivation for the first time, reared a family of eight children, and noted the advent of sixteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, passed from time to eternity on the morning and evening of the same day. Mrs. Humphrey died at 7:30 o'clock on Friday morning and her husband at 5:30 o'clock in the evening, his wife preceding him about ten hours. The Ashland Press, of Wednesday, December 19, 1906, contained a sketch of Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey, which was such a true portrayal of their lives that we copy the same: "Mrs. Humphrey had been an invalid seven years and for five years had not been able to walk. This condition was brought about by a stroke of paralysis, which left her powerless from the hips down. During the greater part of the five years that preceded her death, she was able to sit in a chair and to be carried about the house by her daughter, Miss Della Humphrey, who devoted much of her life to the work and caring for her aged and feeble parents. During all her sufferings Mrs. Humphrey never murmured at the hardness of her lot, but bore her afflictions with a patience and resignation possible only to one who is at peace with her God and with her neighbors. She was an earnest Christian woman, having been affiliated with the church from the time she was eleven years of age, first with the Baptist church at Greentown and later with the German Reformed church at McKay. Mrs. Humphrey's maiden name was Tawney, and her birthplace was in Green township, Ashland county. She was born March 1, 1832, and was in the seventy-fifth year of her age at the time of her death. Mr. Humphrey died Friday at 5:30 o'clock, the direct cause of his death being pneumonia, which he had contracted on the Tuesday of the previous week. Sixteen months before his death he was stricken with paralysis, after which time he was never able to sit up. His whole left side was paralyzed and his mind as well as his body was affected.

"Mr. Humphrey was born November 6, 1830, and was in the seventy-seventh year of his age when he died. He was born in Green township on what is still known as the Humphrey farm, and was a farmer all his life and a thresherman in later years. The fact that he was a thresherman implies that he was an energetic, hardworking, late-to-bed-and-early-to-rise worker, as there is no more strenuous life than that. It was this nerve racking, body killing pace that undoubtedly was a chief cause of the fatal paralytic stroke which laid him low for so many weary weeks and months before the final summons came. Like his wife, Mr. Humphrey early entered the church body, first the Disciple and later the German Reformed.

"Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey are survived by the following children: Mrs. Mary Bittinger, Frank Humphrey and Harvey Humphrey, all of whom reside at McKay; Mrs. Emma Kellogg, of Caledonia; John Humphrey, of Mansfield; Michael Humphrey, of Nankin; and Miss Della Humphrey at home. Andrew, another son, died twenty-four years ago and from that time until last Friday there had not been a death in the family. Mr. Humphrey was the last of his family. Mrs. Humphrey is survived by one brother and three sisters: David Tawney, of Findlay; Mrs. Catharine Shambaugh, of Mansfield; Mrs. Sophia Hossinger, of Widowville; and Mrs. Mary Ann Hossinger, of Jeromeville.

"Funeral services were held Sunday at the home and at Bethel Chapel, five miles north of Hayesville, where the remains were interred side by side. Rev. England, of this city, and Rev. Walker, of Mohican, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey lived in the same home for the last twenty-three years."

On the 25th of November, 1882, J. E. Humphrey was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jane Byerly, whose birth occurred July 25, 1863. Our subject was reared on his father's farm, but some years after his marriage he removed to Mansfield, and now resides at No. 276 Newman street. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey are the parents of three children, one son and two daughters, named respectively, Harley E., Nannie and Maud. By occupation Mr. Humphrey is a carpenter.

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#### ISAAC F. BRICKER.

A well improved farm of eighty acres, situated on section 23, Jackson township, has been the home of Isaac F. Bricker since 1893. He is a native son of this township, his birth having occurred on a farm, August 29, 1868, he being one of a family of fifteen children, of whom twelve now survive, born of the marriage of Isaac and Caroline (Sipe) Bricker, both of whom are natives of the Keystone state. The father was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, July 24, 1823, and came with his parents to Richland county when a youth of sixteen years. In 1849, at the time of the gold excitement on the Pacific coast, he went to California and after his return to Ohio resumed farming, which continued to be his occupation until the time of his demise, which occurred in November, 1889. The mother still survives and

makes her home in Jackson township. S. S. Bricker, a brother of our subject, is now a probate judge, making his home in Ohio.

Isaac F. Bricker, the subject of this review, was reared on his father's farm while his early education was begun in the district schools, this being supplemented by a course of study in the normal department at the Ohio University at Ada. He completed a law course in the latter institution in 1892, after which he engaged in practice with his brother, S. S., in Mansfield. However, a professional life did not prove congenial to him and he resumed farming pursuits, having in 1893 purchased his present home, comprising eighty acres, situated on section 23, Jackson township. This tract constitutes a part of the old homestead property. On the place stands a nice home, containing ten rooms, a large barn, which was erected by Mr. Bricker, and everything about the farm indicates the thrift and progressive spirit of the owner. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, and, owing to his well directed efforts, he is meeting with excellent success. In earlier life he also engaged in teaching, following that profession during the winter terms for several years.

Isaac F. Bricker was married in 1893 to Miss Clara Brown, a native of Jackson township and a daughter of David and Anna (Styert) Brown. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Bricker was blessed with a daughter and son, R. Marie and Bryon R.

Mr. Bricker gives his political support to the democratic party and has served as trustee and clerk of the township. He is a member of Union Grange, No. 1648. He has been closely identified with the educational, professional and farming interests of Richland county, so that he is well and favorably known. He has ever been interested in the progress and development of this section of the state and his marked ability and substantial worth make him a man who has won and deserves the unbounded confidence of his fellowmen.

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#### JACOB W. KEEFER.

Jacob W. Keefer, who is successfully engaged in farming a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 12, Washington township, was born in Mifflin township, Richland county, March 11, 1865. His parents were Henry and Barbara (Culler) Keefer, the former born in 1822 on the same farm in Mifflin township on which the birth of our subject occurred, while the mother first opened her eyes to the light of day in Monroe township in the year 1832. It will thus be seen that in both the paternal and maternal lines Jacob W. Keefer is descended from old pioneer families of this county.

Henry Keefer spent his entire life on the farm where he was born, and throughout his active business career successfully carried on agricultural pursuits, being at one time the owner of more than four hundred acres of valuable land. He was called to his final rest in 1906, but is still survived by

his widow, who yet resides on the old homestead in Mifflin township. Unto this worthy couple were born five children, namely: Albert H., of Washington township; James F., living on the home place in Mifflin township; Jacob W., of this review; Loretta, the wife of George Braden, of Washington township; and Vernon, who is also on the home place in Mifflin township.

Jacob W. Keefer was reared on the old homestead farm in Mifflin township, and acquired his education in the district schools. He remained under the parental roof and assisted his father in the work of the fields until the time of his marriage, after which he was actively engaged in the operation of a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 12, Washington township, which he rented from his father. In 1900 he purchased this place and has since met with an enviable and well merited measure of prosperity in his farming interests here. He now has a model farming property of the twentieth century, having remodeled the buildings and made many substantial improvements.

On the 20th of November, 1890, Mr. Keefer was united in marriage to Miss Cora Aby, whose birth occurred in Monroe township, April 7, 1871. Her parents are Solomon and Elizabeth (Gougwer) Aby, the former born in Monroe township, October 6, 1842, and the latter in 1849. They celebrated their marriage on the 17th of May, 1870, and the father carried on agricultural pursuits in Monroe township until 1883, when he purchased a farm in Mifflin township, where he has since made his home. His family numbers six children, as follows: Mrs. Keefer; Stella, wife of Ovid Mitchell; Charles; Bert; Effie, deceased; and Elta. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Keefer have been born three children: Leta, Boyd and May.

Mr. Keefer gives stalwart allegiance to the men and measures of the democracy, and is a member of the Patrons of Industry. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Washington Congregational church, and they are highly esteemed and worthy residents of this county, in which they have spent their entire lives.

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#### WILLIAM M. DOUGHERTY.

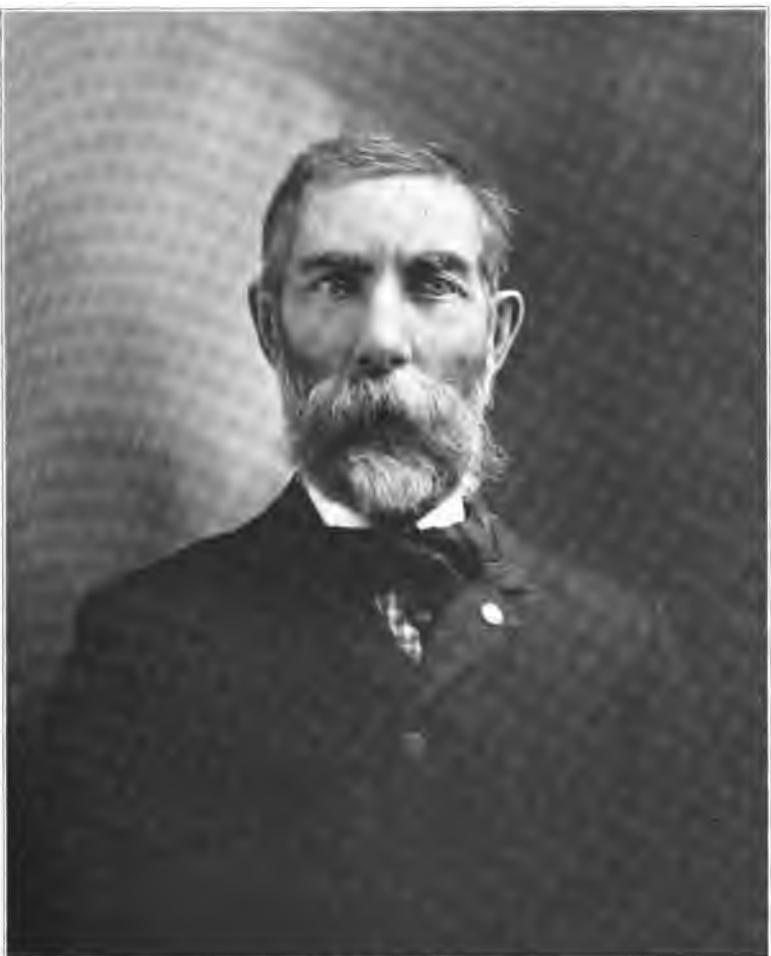
William M. Dougherty, who for many years was closely associated with agricultural interests and who was numbered among the veterans of the Civil war, made in his active life a record which causes his name to be honored and his memory cherished now that he has passed away. He was born in New Jersey, September 17, 1831, and became a resident of Crawford county, Ohio, at the age of nine months, being brought to this state by his parents, Daniel and Lydia (Orwich) Dougherty, who were also natives of New Jersey. In Crawford county he spent the days of his boyhood and youth, no event of special importance occurring to vary the routine of farm life for him.

There came a decided change in his life work when, after the outbreak of the Civil war, he responded to the country's call and went to the front as a member of Company H, Sixty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted





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from Shelby and after eleven months' service was honorably discharged, owing to physical disability. He could not content himself, however, to remain at home while the Union was thus endangered and re-enlisted in Wyandot county, joining the Eighty-second Regiment, with which he remained until the close of the war, serving altogether for thirty months. He participated in a number of hotly contested battles, was with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea, and made an excellent record as a brave and loyal soldier, never faltering in the performance of any duty, no matter how arduous.

When the war was over Mr. Dougherty returned to Crawford county, Ohio, where he engaged in threshing. While there residing he was united in marriage on the 7th of February, 1867, to Miss Maria E. Hahn, who was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, September 17, 1840, and was brought to Shelby, Ohio, by her parents in the fall of 1851. She is a daughter of Mathias and Mary Ann (Martin) Hahn, who were natives of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and cast in their lot with the early settlers of Richland county, Ohio. Her father worked at the carpenter's trade most of his life. After living for some time in Shelby he removed to Crawford county and his wife died at the age of fifty-two years, while he passed away at the age of fifty-seven. They were worthy people who enjoyed to the fullest extent the confidence and good will of those who knew them. In their family were four sons and four daughters, all of whom were reared in Shelby and the two youngest were born in this city. Of this family Mrs. Dougherty is the eldest and the others are: John, who is engaged in the insurance business and has attained wealth in his various business concerns; Elizabeth, now deceased; William, of Mansfield, who has held many political offices; Joseph, proprietor of a hotel at Andover, Ohio; Mrs. Rhuma Crouse, deceased; Daniel, who is living at Tyro, Ohio; and Estella, of Toledo.

Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty began their domestic life in Crawford county, where after their marriage he followed farming for two years and then came to Shelby in 1869, locating on a farm near the town. Later they removed to Mansfield, where he engaged in teaming for a while, but subsequently they returned to Crawford and resided with his parents until they died, caring for them in their declining years. The father reached the very venerable age of ninety-eight years, while the mother passed away at the age of eighty-three years. Following the death of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty returned to the farm south of Shelby but about eighteen years ago retired, taking up their abode in Shelby, where Mr. Dougherty spent his remaining days in the enjoyment of well earned rest. He died here May 19, 1905, and his death was the occasion of sincere and deep sorrow to many friends as well as to his wife and kindred.

He gave his political allegiance to the republican party and he held membership with the Grand Army of the Republic, thus maintaining close relations with his old army comrades. While he never sought to figure in any public light nor tried to gain notoriety in office or in any other way, in his home locality he occupied a position that was accorded him in recognition of his genuine worth and many good traits of character. Practically his entire life was spent in Ohio and he left behind him many friends in the

different parts of the state in which he lived. Mrs. Dougherty still resides in Shelby, where she is well known. Here she has a pleasant home, while her business resources are sufficient to supply her with all of the comforts of life.

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#### JOHN ULRICK WILER.

John Ulrick Wiler was born in Mansfield, April 20, 1824, a son of John Jacob Wiler. The latter was born in Herisau, Appenzell county, Switzerland, June 4, 1780, and was the oldest of a large family of children, only four of whom reached the age of manhood and womanhood. When quite young he learned the trade of a weaver in his native town, which he continued until his fifteenth year, then went to France, where he remained for two years, after which he traveled through the different countries of Europe as a journeyman weaver for fifteen years. During the campaign of Napoleon I, he enlisted in the Swiss army and saw duty along the frontier. While engaged in his occupation as a journeyman weaver he passed over the battlefield of Leipsic, while the dead were being buried. Mr. Wiler sailed for America from Amsterdam on the 19th of May, 1817, in the ship "Bourbon," Captain William Gobrell in charge. He landed in Philadelphia, after a voyage of ninety-nine days, on the 26th of August, 1817. During the voyage a disease broke out on the vessel called "ship fever," of which a hundred and five persons, out of the five hundred on board the vessel, died and were buried in the sea. After landing at Philadelphia, Mr. Wiler was sent to the hospital, suffering from the effects of the ship fever. He remained at the institution three months, after which he set out on foot through Pennsylvania, accompanied by his nephew, John Ulrick Tanner, who had crossed the ocean with him. After touring Pennsylvania Mr. Wiler came to Ohio and stopped about a year in Lancaster, then went to Columbus and thence to Mansfield. Mr. Wiler, who in addition to his trade as a weaver, had become a baker, opened a bakery in Mansfield and seeing the demand for a house of entertainment, opened a hotel, then called a tavern, in a building situated upon the lot where the Bird building now stands. In the meantime he had married Miss Margaret Steyer, of Franklin township, this county. Miss Steyer's father owned the lot where Mr. Wiler started his hotel, renting the property from Mr. Steyer. Henry Steyer, Sr., and Henry Steyer, Jr., father and brother of Mrs. Wiler, were soldiers in the war of 1812. After the close of the war Mr. Steyer and his sons came to Richland county and located north of Mansfield, in what is now Franklin township. His son Henry's health failed on account of his hard service and exposure in the army, and Miss Margaret's sisterly care and attention could not restore to health a constitution undermined by the exposures of camp and field, and it was soon said of him, as in time it will be written of us all, "And he died." Mr. Wiler's tavern was known for many years as the "Wiler House," and it was changed with the times from a small log building to a large brick structure which was widely known as a popular place of entertainment.

John Jacob Wiler and wife were the parents of nine children, all of whom are now dead except Mary Ann—Mrs. J. H. Cook. Two sons who were grown to manhood, died in California of cholera; the others died in infancy and youth. Mr. Wiler died August 1, 1881. His wife preceded him to the Father's home by thirteen years, having passed away May 25, 1868. Mr. Wiler passed the latter years of his active busy life at the family homestead, corner of Fourth and Mulberry streets, which had been his home for many years, and where he died in the confidence of the Christian faith and in peace with his fellowmen. He was a devoted husband and an affectionate father. Having a vigorous constitution, by his untiring industry and economy he amassed considerable wealth, which he still held at the time of his death. No one in the county was held in higher esteem for strict honesty and integrity than Mr. Wiler and no one was more generally known while he was in active life.

In 1848 John Ulrick Wiler formed a partnership with John A. Lee in the jewelry business, which terminated in four years, Mr. Lee retiring and Mr. Wiler continuing in the business until 1857. Mr. Wiler later engaged in mechanical pursuits, in which he was assisted by his sons.

On November 14, 1850, Mr. Wiler was united in marriage to Miss Anna Louise Robens, by the Rev. James W. Dickey, and they were the parents of five children, three sons and two daughters. The sons are John Jacob, Hervey Henry and David Ephraim. The daughters were named Anna Licetta and Margaret Eva. Anna Licetta died when fifteen months old. Mr. Wiler passed away October 6, 1894, cheered to the last by the unfailing tenderness and devotion of wife and daughter. The mother was spared nine years longer to brighten the home with her gentle presence that fell like a benediction on all around her. Mrs. Wiler passed to the better life October 24, 1903, sadly mourned by her children and friends.

John U. Wiler was an honest, honorable and valued citizen of Mansfield and did much toward the upbuilding of the city from the small village in which he was born. He was active in business pursuits and good works. He was a peaceable, inoffensive and law-abiding man. He was liberal in his views and honest in his dealings with his fellowmen. He was upright in character and maintained the reputation of his father for goodness and honesty and instilled into the minds of his children the same principles of truth and right which had been handed down to him. The children of John U. Wiler all honor and revere the memory of their parents and grandparents, for the noble principles of both were instilled into them from childhood.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wiler proved a very happy one. Mr. Wiler was an exemplary husband and a good father. Mrs. Wiler was a loving wife, a kind and indulgent mother and an excellent neighbor. No one was ever turned hungry from her door and she was ready at all times to assist the poor and needy. In fact to meet her was to respect her, to know her was to love and adore her and to revere her for her kindness and goodness of heart. She was a patient sufferer for a number of years before her death, through all of which she expressed thanks to the good Lord for all his mercies. Her end was as peaceful as her life had been.

The sons of John U. Wiler are skilled mechanics and machinists, as was their father, and they continue in the same line of business at the same place. They, with their sister, Miss M. Eva Wiler, still reside in the family home on West Fourth street, the home where their parents resided from their early life and where they died, the second house west of the old homestead of John Jacob Wiler and family.

Miss M. Eva Wiler is endowed with a degree of magnetism which draws her a large circle of friends, and those who know her well have much reason to love her, for she is ever ready in sympathy and is free from affectation. The feminine nature with its love of home, its instinct of beauty and its innate desire to minister to the comforts of its beloved are very notable in Miss Wiler, and its duties are most ably and conscientiously discharged by her. She was blessed with an exceptionally good mother, the narrative of whose life reads like one of the saints. She was a Christian woman and was the guide of her children in everything that was good and noble, and these good qualities have been inherited by her daughter. There is nothing in the divine ordering of human lives more beautiful than the way in which opportunities to do noble work grow out of similar work which has already been faithfully done. Life is no longer fragmentary, everything has meaning and unity, and the toiler goes thankfully on through the broader activities and into the deeper consecration, developing always a less self-conscious personality but one everywhere more definitely recognized and honored. Miss Wiler's work and home life have developed her inherited noble instincts and made her self-sacrificing although yet young in years. She is an accomplished young lady and has a natural talent for music.

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#### CHRIST B. STRAUCH.

Christ B. Strauch, who for twenty years was engaged in the dairy business, is now giving his attention to general farming on a tract of thirty-two acres located in Sandusky township. He is a native of Rhineberger, Germany, born March 28, 1842, a son of Christ, Sr., and Margaret (Weaver) Strauch, who are likewise natives of the fatherland. The father was a shoemaker by trade and conducted business in that line in his native country. In 1848, however, he emigrated with his family to the United States and located in Crawford county, Ohio, where he engaged in farming. His family numbered four children, namely: Conrad, who lives in Crestline; Christ B., of this review; and Elizabeth and Adam, both of whom have passed away.

Christ B. Strauch, whose name introduces this sketch, is the second son and second in order of birth in his father's family. He was a little lad of six years at the time of the emigration of the family to the new world. His education was acquired in the common schools of Crawford county, where he was reared to the age of twenty-one years. He was early trained to the duties of the home farm, giving his father the benefit of his services up to the time he attained his majority, when he began life on his own account by

being employed by others at farm labor. After a time spent in that manner, he came to Richland county, where he has lived for more than thirty-six years. He now owns thirty-two acres in Sandusky township and he also has one and one-half acres in Crawford county. For twenty years he gave his time and attention to dairying, but has abandoned that pursuit and is now engaged in general farming. He has met with success in his undertakings and is numbered among the substantial citizens of this section of the state.

In 1866 Mr. Strauch established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Catherine Blazier, who, like her husband, was born in Germany. Their marriage was celebrated in Crawford county and their home has been blessed with ten children, namely: William, at home; Catherine, David and Conrad, all of whom reside in Toledo, Ohio; Sarah A., the wife of George Greter, who lives in Toledo, where he is manager for the firm of Tietke Brothers; Henry, who is employed by the Bell Telephone Company at Columbus, Ohio; Margaret, who is also with the Bell Telephone Company in Toledo; Lydia, at home; Calvin, who is now with the Bell Telephone Company at Lima, Illinois, being employed on inside work in the capacity of electrician; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Strauch votes for the men whom he deems best fitted for office, regardless of party affiliation. For one term he served as road supervisor, but otherwise has filled no public office. He and his family are members of the German Reformed church. He is a man of high moral worth and is respected by his fellowmen, for in his dealings with all he is honorable and straightforward. For a long period he has made his home in Richland county and is, therefore, well known in many sections as well as in the city of Crestline.

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#### JOHN I. BEELMAN.

The People's National Bank of Plymouth was organized and began business on the 2d of January, 1904, with a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars, the stockholders representing some of the best known and wealthiest citizens of Richland county. At the first election of officers John I. Beelman was chosen cashier. Mr. Beelman was born near Chicago in 1875, and at the age of three years was brought by his parents, Daniel M. and Susan J. (Upp) Beelman, to Richland county. The father was a native of the Keystone state, while the mother claimed Huron county, Ohio, as the place of her birth. The father for many years engaged in farming, but for the past three years had lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. Their family numbered five children, of whom four survive.

John I. Beelman, whose name introduces this review, as stated, was a lad of three years when brought to Richland county. Here he began his education in the common schools, this being supplemented by a course of study in the Ada Normal school. After completing his education he engaged

in teaching for several years, during the winter months, or until 1895, when he entered the National Bank of Plymouth, where he was employed as assistant cashier and bookkeeper for eight years. On the expiration of that period he assisted in organizing the People's National Bank of Plymouth, of which he was elected cashier. The bank opened its doors for business on the 2d of January, 1904, being capitalized at twenty-five thousand dollars. This institution has met with unexpected favor, the deposits having now reached two hundred thousand dollars. It is recognized as one of the concerns of the city in which the people feel a just pride—solid and safe beyond question, and its management conservative enough to keep it so.

Mr. Beelman was married in 1897 to Miss Edith M. Buck, who was born in Richland county, a daughter of W. J. Buck, of Shelby, this state. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Beelman has been blessed with four children: Larue, Harry, Thelma and Gertrude.

Mr. Beelman gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party. For four years he was clerk of Plymouth, while for a similar period he served as a member of the board of public works. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias. He possesses excellent business ability and his connection with the enterprise to which he is now bending his energies insures for the same a prosperous outcome.

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#### AARON LEEDY.

Aaron Leedy was one of the honored pioneers of Richland county, Ohio, a man respected and honored wherever known and most of all where he was best known. He was born April 21, 1832, and was the youngest son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Zook) Leedy. His life record covered seventy-five years, six months and seven days, and he passed away October 28, 1907. His early youth was spent upon a farm near Ankenytown, Ohio, and throughout the greater part of his life he successfully followed the occupation of farming, although to some extent, especially early in his life, he worked at the carpenter's trade.

On the 13th of March, 1856, Mr. Leedy was married to Elizabeth Garber and for about a year they lived upon her father's farm, after which they removed to a farm in Berlin township, Knox county, Ohio. In 1860 they took up their abode about three miles east of Bellville, and in 1863 in company with his brother-in-law, David L. Garber, Aaron Leedy purchased a farm that had formerly been the property of his father-in-law, Samuel Garber. While he made the tilling of the soil his chief life work he possessed much natural mechanical ability and could do almost anything with tools. He worked at the carpenter's trade, operated a water mill and afterward a steam sawmill, also operated threshing machines and did other work along mechanical lines. He led a busy and useful life and he won a fair measure of success, so that for many years he was enabled not only to enjoy the necessities but also the comforts of life.



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On December 22, 1897, he married in 1897 to Miss Edith M. Buck, who was born October 1, 1877, daughter of W. J. Buck, of Shelby, this state. The couple have a son, Mr. Boehm has been blessed with four children—Edith, Alice, Almon and Constance.

Mr. Leedman gives his political support to the men and measures of the Democratic party. For four years he was clerk of Plymouth, while for a number of years served as a member of the board of public works. His fraternal organization with the Knights of Pythias. He possesses excellent health and is well and his connection with the enterprise to which he is now belonging promises him a prosperous outcome.

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Walter E. Ladd



Unto Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Leedy there were born six sons and three daughters: Byron, born March 11, 1857; Elmina, who was born June, 28, 1859, and died in 1866 at the age of seven years; Eugene R., born February 16, 1861; Clement, born July 5, 1863; Albert, February 7, 1867; Bertha, March 30, 1871; Alfred, June 2, 1873; and Herbert; and Maude. All are now married with the exception of Bertha and Herbert.

In 1866 Mr. Leedy united with the Universalist church of Bellville and remained one of its faithful and helpful members throughout the remainder of his life. He contributed liberally to its support and he spent much of two years as the active member of the building committee while erecting the house of worship at Bellville. He also was a charter member of Jefferson Grange and served as its first master following its organization, October 9, 1873, while later at different times he again served as master. His greatest interest aside from his business and his church was in the Grange. He was president of the Patrons Mutual Relief Association from June 4, 1844, until January 12, 1899. Very fond of music, he taught singing schools in the early days and was an active member of the Grange Band for years. He was always interested in young people and "the boys" were ever welcome at his home. They would frequently gather there in the evenings and he would sit and sing with them for several hours at a time. While he was never a great talker, he was a most hospitable man and his wife shared with him in extending the hospitality of their home to their relatives and many friends. He believed in the religion of living rather than of creed and he earnestly put forth effort to encourage the good that he believed was in every individual. His life was fraught with many good deeds and characterized by kindly purposes and honorable motives. He passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten and at his death left the memory of an upright life and a noble example which is well worthy of emulation.

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#### DIMON STURGES.

To enjoy the respect of the community in which one has spent his entire life means that the individual has so lived that his fellow townsmen yield him a tribute of admiration and regard because of manly virtues and loyalty to high and honorable principles. Such was the record of Mr. Sturges, who, though he never sought to figure prominently before the public, was a business man of integrity and a citizen of value who championed many measures for the public good. Born in Mansfield, he spent his entire life in this city and was closely associated with those movements, measures and interests which promote the substantial growth and development of a city along many lines.

His father, Eben Perry Sturges, was a pioneer merchant of Mansfield, although it was his purpose in early life to follow the sea, and, in fact, he commanded a merchant vessel when hostilities broke out between Great

Britain and the United States in 1812. When homeward bound on a voyage from South America with a valuable cargo, his vessel was captured by a British frigate, and he and his crew were sent as prisoners of war to Kingston, Jamaica. Upon being paroled he returned to the United States. He felt that his seafaring experiences were then entirely sufficient and he turned his attention in other directions. Up to this time he had made his home in Fairfield, Connecticut,—his native state,—but later he removed to Richland county, Ohio, which was then a wild and largely unimproved district. The village of Mansfield had been established, but gave little promise of rapid future development. Mr. Sturges opened a store here in 1815 and remained in the city as one of the prominent and influential business men until his death, which occurred January 1, 1862. He was a marvelously successful man in mercantile affairs. In 1821 Eben Perry Sturges was married to Miss Amanda Buckingham, of Putnam, Ohio, and their eldest child was Dimon Sturges, who was born October 21, 1825, on Main street about on the lot where the Berno store now stands.

From that time until his demise, which occurred on the 18th of March, 1900, Dimon Sturges remained a resident of Mansfield. He acquired his early education in the schools of this city, also attended school in Athens, Ohio, and still later was a student at Oberlin College. He spent the days of his boyhood here when it was a village, lived to see it develop into a city of considerable industrial and commercial importance, and throughout the years shared in the work of general upbuilding and improvement. His life in a way passed uneventfully, but it was characterized by the utmost fidelity to duty in every relation, and by the recognition and utilization of his opportunities. In all of his dealings his word was as good as any bond ever solemnized by signature or seal, and whatever course he believed to be right he followed with untiring determination.

When he had attained his majority he joined Dr. Guthrie in the ownership and conduct of a drug store at Mansfield, but after a short time the doctor retired and Perkins Bigelow became a partner of Mr. Sturges. They engaged in wholesaling and retailing drugs and medicines and for many years Mr. Sturges continued in that line and was very successful. In fact the firm of Sturges & Bigelow were recognized as the most successful druggists of the city. Mr. Sturges had the opportunity at one time to become associated with a gentleman of excellent business ability in the preparation, manufacture and sale of specific remedies, whose success in after years was marvelous. Mr. Sturges, after some consideration, decided not to accept the offer, but elected to make his home among the friends of his boyhood and youth. He afterward became the leading book seller of Mansfield, carrying on the business very successfully. He also contributed to the improvement and substantial growth of the city in other ways, including the erection of the finest business block then in Mansfield, with an assembly room on the upper floor which supplied a long-felt want here. Not long afterward he erected a fine residence on Park avenue West, where he lived a great many years. Whatever he undertook he carried forward to successful completion, brooking no obstacle that could be overcome by determined and persistent effort.

On the 5th of June, 1851, Mr. Sturges was united in marriage to Miss Helen L. Hodge, of Buffalo, New York. Unto them were born eight children, six of whom are yet living: William P., of Cleveland, Ohio; Eben B., a business man of Detroit, making his home in Ann Arbor; Dr. Purdy H. Sturges, of Brooklyn, New York; Mrs. L. H. Wales, of Mansfield; Julia, who has been one of the librarians here for ten years; and Ada, also of this city.

In 1867 Mr. Sturges became a member of the Congregational church, of which his father had been one of the organizers. He became an active worker in the church and its various societies and did all in his power to advance the moral progress and upbuilding of the community. He was one of the founders of the Young Men's Christian Association of Mansfield and was a delegate from it to the national convention, which met in Portland, Maine, in 1869. For many years he was connected with a band of brothers who were Ministers of the Angel of the Helping Hand. Their purpose was to visit the sick, help the distressed, bury the dead and care for the widows and orphans. He sacredly met the obligations which devolved upon him in this connection, continuing to exemplify in his life the spirit of the society until he retired on account of the infirmities of old age. His career in a way was an even and quiet one. The community knew him as a faithful husband, a kind father and a good citizen, who had no aspiration for high political honors or offices and yet was never neglectful of his duties to his fellowman. In all of his business relations he was the soul of honor and integrity and he enjoyed to the fullest extent the confidence and good will of all who knew him. He left behind him a memory that is sacredly cherished by many friends as well as his immediate family and an example that is indeed worthy of emulation.

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#### MICHAEL STUFF.

Michael Stuff, who is living on his farm of eighty acres on section 7, Jefferson township, was born in Perry township, Richland county, on the 15th of September, 1826, his parents being Jacob and Mary (Garns) Stuff, natives of Bedford county, Pennsylvania. Coming to Ohio in the spring of 1826, they entered land in that part of Richland county which is now Crawford county, but subsequently traded it for the eighty acres on which our subject now resides. They placed many improvements upon the farm, which remained their place of abode until they were called to their final rest. The father's death occurred in 1896, when he was in his eighty-first year, and his wife passed away in 1895, at the age of seventy years. Their family numbered eleven children, but the only ones now living are Michael, of this review; and William, of Noble county, Indiana.

Michael Stuff began his education in a subscription school conducted in a little log building and received a good practical training in the district schools which he later attended. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-two years of age and then worked by the month for three years, receiv-

ing from seven dollars and a half to ten dollars for his services. Subsequently he learned the carpenter's trade, being identified with that line of activity for fifteen years, and for two years worked in a mill. He then purchased the old home farm on section 7, Jefferson township and has since given his time and attention to its cultivation and improvement, gaining a gratifying annual income through the careful conduct of his agricultural interests.

On the 29th of December, 1858, occurred the marriage of Mr. Stuff and Miss Anna Baker, a daughter of Henry Baker, who was a native of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Stuff was one of a family of seven children and by her marriage has become the mother of eleven: John, born October 9, 1859, is a resident of Bellville; Jacob, born April 7, 1861, lives in Jefferson township; Sarah E., born April 24, 1865, is the wife of Isaac Sarff, of Knox county, Ohio; Laura B., born November 6, 1868, is the wife of Bert Olin; Frederick, born August 3, 1871, is a resident of Jefferson township; Samuel, born December 10, 1873, lives in Hancock county; Harvey, born June 18, 1876, lives at home; Franklin, born December 29, 1878, resides in Jefferson township; Roylan, born August 14, 1881, lives at home and is engaged in teaching school; Mary, born July 18, 1885, is the wife of Mr. Bessler, of Henry county; and one is deceased.

In his political views Mr. Stuff is a democrat and has served as township trustee. He is connected with the Masonic lodge at Bellville, and his seven sons are also members of this fraternity. A native son of this county, he has been a well known and worthy resident here for eighty-two years and now receives the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on life's journey and who has been honorable and upright in every relation.

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#### CHARLES H. ARTER.

Charles H. Arter, who is successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising on sections 12 and 13, Sandusky township, was born in Crawford county, Ohio, March 29, 1863, his parents being George and Sarah Arter, who are mentioned on another page of this volume. Our subject acquired a common-school education and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He then purchased a farm in Richland county and now owns two hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land on sections 12 and 13, Sandusky township, where he carries on his general farming and stock-raising interests in such a capable manner that a gratifying annual income is assured him. He is energetic, enterprising and progressive and is numbered among the substantial and public-spirited citizens of the community.

Mr. Arter has been married twice. He was first wedded, in 1891, to Miss Mollie Parke, whose birth occurred at Ada, Ohio, and by whom he had two children, Ruth and Charles Parke, who are at home. Losing his first wife in 1895, Mr. Arter was subsequently again married, his second union being

with Miss Nora Shambaugh, who was born in Morrow county, Ohio, and whose parents still reside in that county. She is one of a family of five children, the record of whom is as follows: Lurenza D., of Mansfield; J. E., deceased; Ida, who is the wife of A. B. Reinhart, and makes her home in Morrow county, Ohio; Mrs. Arter; and Guy G., of Johnsville, Ohio. Unto Charles H. and Nora (Shambaugh) Arter have been born four children, namely: Clarence A.; Mary Jane; John H., who passed away; and Mildred S.

In his political views Mr. Arter is a stanch republican, while fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias lodge at Crestline. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, the teachings of which she exemplifies in her daily life. They are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community and the circle of their friends is almost co-extensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

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#### THEODORE WAGNER.

Theodore Wagner, successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on section 20, Washington township, was born in Morrow county, Ohio, May 26, 1854, his parents being John and Catherine (Remy) Wagner. The father was born in Weida, Selters, Germany, in 1819, and the mother's birth also occurred in the fatherland in 1826. John Wagner was a tailor by trade, and emigrated to the United States in 1848. He first purchased ten acres of land from John Workman and subsequently bought and sold different farms throughout his entire business career, also following his trade in addition to his speculative interests. In 1853 he removed to Morrow county, Ohio, but remained there only a short time, and for a period of six months also carried on business at Mansfield. He returned to his farm in Richland county, however, and passed away there in 1888, his wife having been called to her final rest in 1879. By his marriage, which took place in 1850, he had six children, four of whom still survive: Mrs. Wilhelmina Yonker, of Springfield township; Theodore, of this review; Mrs. Mary E. Fulton, who is a widow residing in Washington township; and Mrs. Louisa Bower, who is a widow making her home in Mansfield, Ohio.

Theodore Wagner was reared to farm life and acquired his education in the district schools. When twenty-six years of age he was employed as a farm hand by the month and was thus engaged until four years after his marriage. He then purchased a half interest in the farm which he now owns, comprising one hundred and one acres of rich and productive land. He has placed many substantial improvements thereon and also remodeled the buildings, and in the conduct of his agricultural interests has met with a gratifying and well merited degree of prosperity, owing to his unremitting industry and capable management.

Mr. Wagner has been married twice. On the 18th of May, 1882, he wedded Miss Harriet Rodocker, who was born in Washington township, a daughter of John and Christy Ann (Haverstock) Rodocker. Her father's

birth occurred in Stark county, Ohio, August 25, 1815, while her mother was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, March 21, 1820. Their marriage was celebrated June 14, 1840, and the year 1855 witnessed their arrival in Richland county, Ohio. Their family numbered twelve children, three sons and nine daughters. Mrs. Harriet Wagner passed away September 6, 1896, leaving one son, Harry H., who is at home.

Mr. Wagner was again married, his second union being with Miss Margaret McKinney, who was born in Richland county, March 9, 1860, a daughter of Daniel and Christina (Shadel) McKinney. The father was born in Pennsylvania, June 17, 1818, while the mother's birth likewise occurred in the Keystone state, her natal day being January 11, 1819. In early life they came to Ohio with their respective parents and were reared and married here, Daniel McKinney being successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Jackson township, Richland county, until he passed away on the 23d of October, 1868. His wife survived him for a number of years, her death occurring March 13, 1885. Their family numbered five children, as follows: John, of Williams county, Ohio; Solomon, residing in Springfield township; Nathaniel, who makes his home in Chicago; Mrs. Wagner; and William, who passed away at the age of twenty-one years, his death the result of an illness contracted in the war. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wagner have been born three children: Bertha, Edwin M. and Daniel R.

In his political views Mr. Wagner is a democrat, while fraternally he is connected with the Masonic Lodge at Bellville, and with the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 446, at Lexington. His life has been one of continuous activity, to which has been accorded due recognition of labor and today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of his community.

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#### E. O. McLEAN.

E. O. McLean, as the president of the Roderick Lean Manufacturing Company, stands at the head of one of the leading productive industries of Mansfield. It is true that he entered upon a business already established, but many a man of less resolute purpose and keen discrimination would have failed in an attempt to enlarge and control this. Rising above the heads of the majority there has always been a series of individuals who by reason of their pronounced ability and forceful personality have ever commanded the homage of their fellowmen and have revealed to the world those two resplendent virtues of a lordly race,—perseverance in purpose and a directing spirit which never fails. Such a man is E. O. McLean and his efforts have been of material benefit to the city.

As the name indicates, the McLeans come from Scotch ancestry, but Roderick Lean, the father of our subject, dropped the prefix from the name, which, however, has been taken up again by the present generation. The father was born in Nova Scotia and as a boy learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed on his own account at Shakespeare, Ontario. In 1859 he

removed to Stratford, Ontario, and there began the manufacture of harrows, plows and cultivators in a small way. While working in his smithy one day the question flashed into his mind, "Why not build a harrow entirely of steel?" and as the result of this idea he became the pioneer builder of the all-steel harrow and the promoter of an important industry. In 1868 the Roderick Lean Manufacturing Company was organized and in 1874 the business was removed to Mansfield, Ohio, where the manufacture of all-steel harrows was continued. Many of the harrows turned out during these early days are still in use and in good condition, which is due to the fact that Roderick Lean never allowed an implement to go out from his blacksmith shop or from his factory without the certain knowledge that in that implement steel had been used wherever it could be used, that honesty had prevailed in its construction, and that it was built as well as he knew how to build it. Thus the house gained an excellent reputation for the quality and grade of its goods and the highest standard has ever been maintained.

During the first few years of the existence of the business only eight or ten men were employed. In 1892, owing to failing health, Roderick Lean withdrew from the business and in January, 1893, removed to California, settling on a lemon ranch about six miles from San Diego. He afterward devoted his attention to the ranch until his death in July, 1894, but the enterprise which he established in Mansfield still stands as a monument to his business ability and progressive spirit. He had been married twice. He first wedded Miss Chloe Belfry at New Market, Canada, and their children were E. O. and Faninus, the latter associated with the manufacturing department of the Lean Manufacturing Company until his death. The wife and mother died at Shakespeare, Canada, in 1865, and later Roderick Lean wedded Miss Sarah Smith, this wedding being celebrated near New Market, Canada, in 1867. Their children were: Philana, Harriet and Sarah Belle, all now at home; Andrus B., who is now vice president of the Lean Manufacturing Company; and Milton H. The father was prominent in the Park Avenue Baptist church of Mansfield, taking a very active and helpful part in its work. He was a man of irreproachable integrity and commercial honor and wherever he was known was held in the highest esteem because of his fidelity and reliability in business affairs. Moreover, he deserves credit as the pioneer in the building of the all-steel harrow and as such his name deserves to go down in history.

E. O. McLean, whose name introduces this review, was born in Canada in 1861 and came with his father to Mansfield in 1874. After completing his education he concentrated his time and energies upon the conduct of his father's business and acquainted himself with various departments of the work. In 1886 Emerson O. McLean was admitted to a partnership and thus added the enterprise, perseverance and hopeful enthusiasm of the young man to the broad experience and keen discernment of the father, constituting a strong and resourceful firm. In 1893 the business was incorporated with a capital of sixty thousand dollars, with E. O. McLean as president, A. B. McLean as vice president, J. E. Gibson as secretary, and A. H. Glendenning as treasurer. In 1903 the capital stock was increased to five hundred thousand dollars and since that time the officers have been: E. O. McLean, president; A. B.

McLean, vice president and superintendent; and A. H. Glendenning, secretary and treasurer. A. B. McLean first entered the business as bookkeeper and later became connected with the sales department, while subsequently he was chosen superintendent and vice president. He was largely educated at Mansfield, attending the high and normal schools here and also a business college.

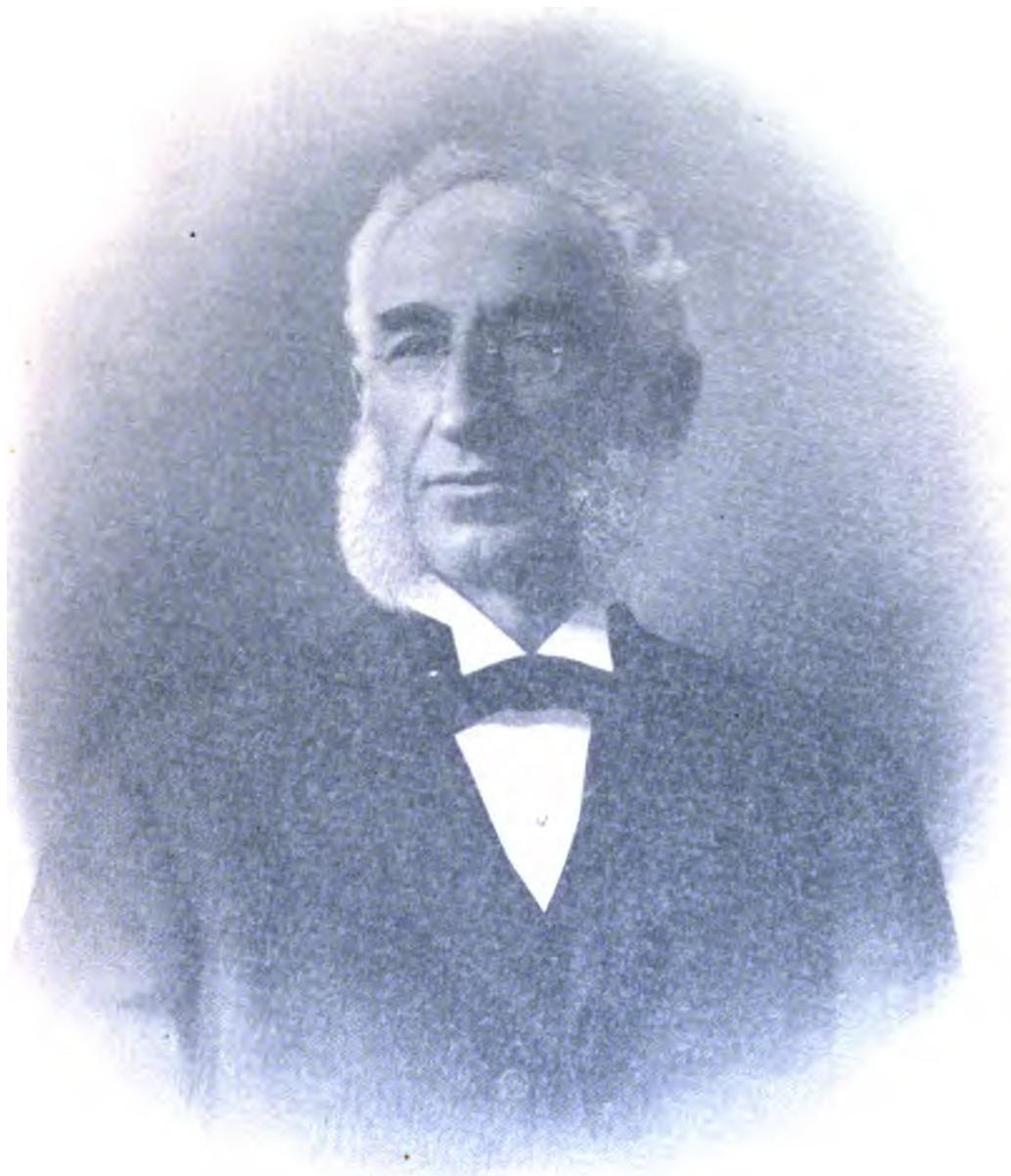
The brothers are known as among the most enterprising, reliable and successful business men of Mansfield. Under their control their output has steadily increased in order to meet the growing demands of the trade and they now employ three hundred workmen. No longer is the product confined to harrows. Until 1900, however, they manufactured little beside spike tooth and spring tooth harrows, but in that year they added many kindred lines and now manufacture spike and spring, land rollers, cultivators, etc. Their output is sold all over America and throughout the world where grain is grown. Their plant now occupies five acres and is one of the important productive industries of the city. Justice is always maintained with employes and the aim of the business has been constantly to improve the output and the character of service to the public.

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#### SOLOMON SPEAR.

Solomon Spear, a successful merchant of Plymouth, one who possesses the confidence and esteem of all who deal with him, and who claims the distinction of conducting the oldest established business in Plymouth, is a native of Germany. He was born in Schrecksbach, Kreis Ziegenhain, Hesse, May 6, 1843. His father, Wolf Spear, who was a son of Nathaniel Spear, was a merchant in that town, where he passed his entire life, dying in 1889. He married Miss Yetta Schoenberg, a native of the neighboring province, Hesse-Darmstadt, and they became the parents of six children, as follows: two who died in infancy; Nathaniel, who died at the age of nine years; Solomon, who is the subject of this review; Betty, who married Moses Shield, a merchant of Plymouth, Ohio, and Jacob, now deceased, who was a merchant in his native town.

Solomon Spear passed his boyhood days in attending school in his native country and at the age of fourteen years came to America, landing in New York, May 19, 1857. He at once made his way to Ohio, arriving in Plymouth on the 24th day of that month, where he has resided to the present time. He at first attended school, then for a short time engaged in peddling and such other employment as would yield him an honest living. He finally commenced clerking, first with W. B. Kahn, with whom he remained two years. He then entered the employ of Billstein & Schoenberg in the live stock business, continuing with them until the spring of 1866, when he engaged in that business for a few months on his own account. In the fall of 1866 he bought the clothing store of W. B. Kahn, conducting the business alone until 1868, in which year he admitted his brother-in-law, M. Shield, into partnership, and they carried on the establishment jointly until 1891,



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when Mr. Shield sold his interest to our subject, who has since been sole proprietor. Besides the clothing business Mr. Spear has also dealt extensively in wool, seeds, etc., but at the present writing he is preparing to retire from active business.

Mr. Spear was married January 6, 1867, to Miss Augusta Billstein, who was born November 11, 1845, in Ruelfenrode, Kreis Alsfeld, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and was brought by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lippman Billstein, to the United States in 1854, when a little maiden of nine years. The family home was established in Plymouth. By her marriage she became the honored and beloved mother of six children, as follows: Nathaniel, who resides in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Alexander, of New York city; Joel, also of Pittsburg; Ida and Maurice, still under the parental roof; and Bernice, who died at the age of thirteen years.

Mr. Spear formerly gave his political allegiance to the democratic party, but since 1896 has voted independently. He has held various offices of honor and trust in his community. He served on the school board for twenty-seven consecutive years, a longer time of service than any other member can boast of; has served as a member of the village council at various times, and at the present writing is president of the board of public affairs. His own interests were never so great that he forgot the welfare of the town, and Plymouth's success, industrially and civically, is greatly the result of his conscientious efforts and unwavering devotion to the home of his adoption.

At the age of twenty-one years he was made a Mason in Richland Lodge, No. 201, F. & A. M., and became a charter member of Plymouth Chapter, No. 118, R. A. M., at Plymouth, of which he has served as secretary for the past thirty years. He is also a member of Mansfield Council, No. 94, R. & S. M.

The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He has found the opportunities that he sought and, making the best of these, he has steadily worked his way upward. He is pre-eminently a self-made man and fully merits the respect and good opinion which he has won from all who come in contact with him.

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#### HENRY F. STOVER.

Throughout a long period Henry F. Stover has been identified with the agricultural interests of Richland county, and today as proprietor of the Longview Dairy he is well known in various sections of the county. He was born on the farm which is now his home, November 14, 1862. His paternal grandfather, John Stover, came from Pennsylvania to Richland county in 1835 and here his remaining days were passed. His son, who also bore the name of John Stover, and became the father of our subject, was born near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, May 23, 1823, and arrived in Mansfield, Ohio, with his parents, on the twelfth anniversary of his birth. He followed farming as a life work and became the owner of three good farms, one comprising one hundred

acres, a second of one hundred and eight acres, and a third of one hundred and twenty-one acres. He was a democrat in his political views, but was not active as an office seeker. His religious faith was that of the Reformed church in London, Ohio. He died in Richland county, September 2, 1888, when he had reached the age of sixty-five years. His wife bore the maiden name of Leah Landis. She was born in 1833, a daughter of Rev. Jacob S. and Mary (Miller) Landis, the former a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, born in 1811, while the birth of the latter occurred in the year 1812. They were reared and married in the Keystone state, coming to Richland county in 1838 and settling on a farm in Jackson township. The father gave his time to farming and to preaching the gospel until his demise, which occurred when he had reached the age of sixty-four years.

The family of Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Landis numbered ten children, as follows: Mary Ann; Leah, who afterward became Mrs. Stover; Amanda; J. M., of Shelby; Jacob, who died in the army; Isaac, who resides in Shelby; Margaret, deceased; Mrs. Katharine Kline, a resident of Marshall county, Indiana; Mrs. Susan Kline, who has departed this life; and David, who died in infancy. After the demise of Rev. Jacob S. Landis, his widow married again, her second union being with a Mr. Wagner, who has also passed away. Mrs. Wagner still survives and now makes her home with her eldest son, J. M. Landis, in Shelby.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. John Stover numbered five children, three daughters and two sons: Mary, who died at the age of twelve years; Nancy, who became the wife of Samuel Huffman and died in 1903; Elizabeth, the widow of Willard Laser, of Shelby; Henry F., of this review; and John Edward, who died in infancy. Following the father's death, the mother was again married, her second union being with George Mitchell, and they now make their home in Taylortown.

Henry F. Stover, whose name introduces this record, was reared on the home farm, early being trained to the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He remained under the parental roof until he had reached mature years and upon starting out in the business world he chose the occupation to which he had been reared. He now makes his home on one hundred acres of land, situated on section 15, Jackson township. He is engaged in general farming and for the past five years has been engaged in dairying, his place being known as the Longview Dairy. He also operates another tract of seventy acres on the shares and formerly had a third tract of sixty acres, which he operated for sixteen years. He possesses excellent business ability and sound judgment and in carrying on his business affairs is meeting with success.

Mr. Stover was married September 17, 1884, to Miss Ida B. Clark, who was born in Jackson township, November 14, 1864, a daughter of Samuel and Polly Jane (King) Clark. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Stover has been blessed with eight children: Flossie Fay, John Carle, Samuel Clark, Cornelius B., Ruth M., George Russell, Helen L. and Albert Raymond. The eldest daughter, Flossie Fay, is now the wife of Howard Hawk, of Jackson township, and they have one child, Donald S.

Mr. Stover is a democrat in his political views and affiliations, and on the party ticket was elected trustee of Jackson township. For thirteen years he served as a member of the school board. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church at Shelby. He belongs to that class of representative men who rapidly discern opportunities of improvement and, brooking no obstacles, are forging their way to the front.

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#### ROBERT MOORE.

Robert Moore is carrying on general agricultural pursuits in Franklin township, not far from Mansfield. Richland county numbers him among her native sons, for his birth occurred October 12, 1843, in the township which is still his home. His paternal grandparents were Archibald and Nancy (Williams) Moore, and the great-grandfather was Robert Moore, who emigrated from Ireland in 1767 and settled in Center county, Pennsylvania. In both the paternal and maternal lines Robert Moore, of this review, is of Irish extraction. His grandfather, for whom he was named, was one of five brothers, four of whom became farmers and one was a Methodist minister.

John W. Moore, the father of our subject, was born and reared in Center county, Pennsylvania, and in 1836 came to Richland county, Ohio, locating in Madison township. Six months later he removed to Franklin township and in 1878 became a resident of Troy township, where he died twenty-two years ago. His entire life had been devoted to general agricultural pursuits and in his farming operations he was active and energetic, winning a measure of success which he well merited. His wife long survived him and when she passed away on the 1st of April, 1907, she was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the Franklin cemetery. Their family numbered twelve children, namely: Robert; Martha, who resides in Lexington, Ohio; Rebecca, of Franklin township; Archibald, deceased; James, who is located in Galion, Ohio; Ellen and Anna, who are also residents of Galion; Jennie, whose home is in Mattoon, Illinois; Franklin, living in Franklin township; John, deceased; and two who died in infancy.

Robert Moore was educated in the common schools, where he mastered the branches of English learning that usually constitute the public-school curriculum. He remained at home until twenty-five years of age and then began farming in Franklin township. He worked in the fields there for two years, afterwards living for a time in Troy township and subsequently in Springfield township, where he remained until about ten years ago, when he returned to Franklin township, where he now makes his home. Here he has one hundred and four acres of land devoted to general agricultural pursuits. His work is carefully managed and intelligently directed and through his perseverance and energy he has gained a place among the substantial residents of the county. Moreover, he deserves all of the praise implied in the term "a self-made man."

Mr. Moore was married in 1867 to Miss Harriet Keith, a descendant of Sir George Keith, who in the sixteenth century held a land commission in Scotland, having control over property of such extent that he could travel the length of the country without stepping off the land over which he had jurisdiction. When religious troubles arose involving the Society of Friends, or Quakers, he took a firm stand in support of that sect and because of this his power was taken from him and he was forced to leave his native country. He then went to Holland, where he became acquainted with William Penn, and as his private secretary came with him to the new world, becoming the founder of the family in this country. Michael Keith, a descendant of Sir George Keith and the grandfather of Mrs. Moore, came overland from Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, in 1814, and established what was widely known as Keith's Tavern. A part of this building is still standing and has been remodeled, now constituting a part of the home of George Gribbling, of Mansfield. Michael Keith was a man of consequence in Richland county, as was his ancestor in Scotland. He was one of the first infirmary directors of the county and received a compensation of twelve dollars per year for his services.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Moore have been born three children: Della, the wife of William H. Carnes, of Mansfield; Ida, the wife of Frank Condon, a railroad man, by whom she has one son, Wade M.; and Albert, who married Ella Hagerman, by whom he has one daughter, Edith. They live on the home farm and he operates the place for his father.

Robert Moore is a stalwart advocate of the democracy but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, although he served as a trustee of Springfield township for two terms. He and his wife are members of the Pleasant Valley Baptist church, in which he serves as one of the deacons. His fellow citizens recognize in him a man whose word is as good as his bond; who has ever been honorable in all business transactions and who in an active, progressive life has gained a measure of success that has come to him as a reward of his earnest, persistent labor.

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#### JOHN C. KERR.

John C. Kerr, who is now a representative of the Shelby Steel Tube Works, was born on a farm in Monroe township, Holmes county, Ohio, June 27, 1861. His parents are William and Sarah (Campbell) Kerr, the former born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, March 11, 1837, and the latter in Holmes county, Ohio, September 21, 1841. For a considerable period they were identified with farming interests in this part of the state, but the father at length put aside business cares and spent his last days in Mansfield in honorable retirement from labor. He died October 14, 1905. His widow still survives and is yet a resident of Mansfield. In their family were the following children: Robert E., who is living in Mansfield; John C., of this review; William, whose home is in Kansas; Sarah Alta, the wife of Washington Smith, of Monroe township; George I., who is living in Denver.

Colorado; Mary, the wife of Stephen Smith, a farmer of Mifflin township, this county; C. M., a farmer; and one who died in infancy.

John C. Kerr spent his youth upon the farm where his birth occurred and in 1881 with his parents came to Richland county, settling in Mifflin township, where he lived up to the time of his marriage. He mastered the elementary branches of learning as a pupil in the public schools and afterward attended the Ohio Normal University at Ada, Ohio, completing the course in penmanship by graduation. He also took most of the scientific course and for fifteen years he engaged in teaching in the district schools of this county, proving a capable educator and one who was always able to maintain discipline as well. Giving his attention to farming, he purchased a small tract of land about a mile south of Shelby and made his home thereon for twelve years, during which time he brought his fields under a high state of cultivation. On the expiration of that period he sold the farm and bought property at No. 198 West Main street in Shelby, where he has since made his home. He is now employed as a member of the clerical force of the Shelby Steel Tube Works and is capable and efficient in his efforts in this connection.

On the 27th of June, 1894, Mr. Kerr was united in marriage to Miss Daisy Elizabeth Hawk, who was born in this county and is a daughter of Jacob Hawk, prominently known in Richland county as a prosperous farmer and representative citizen and mentioned on another page of this volume. Mr. Kerr possesses many substantial qualities which have gained him warm regard during his residence in Shelby, where he now has many friends.

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#### HENRY P. RHODES.

Henry P. Rhodes is a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of Richland county, where he is now making his home. He was born on his present farm in Jackson township, December 26, 1842, a son of Henry Philip and Rachel (Stoner) Rhodes, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state, the former born in Lancaster county, November 22, 1808, while the latter was born in York county, September 15, 1813. They were reared and married in Pennsylvania and in 1831 made their way to Richland county, Ohio, settling on an unimproved tract of land, on which the father made a small clearing and erected a log house, in which they took up their abode. In 1850 he replaced that rude dwelling with a more modern structure, which is still standing on the place. The family numbered nine children, of whom five still survive, namely: Elizabeth, the wife of Washington Bloom, of Michigan; Henry P., of this review; Sarah, the wife of Dr. Franklin Paul, of Milford, Indiana; David, who is mentioned on another page of this work; and Melvina, the wife of George Armold, a resident of Jackson township. Both the parents are now deceased, the mother passing away in October, 1888, while the father survived for several years and died in March, 1896, when he had reached the venerable age of eighty-eight years. He was numbered among the worthy citizens and prominent pioneers of Richland county.

Henry P. Rhodes was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, assisting in the work of the home place from the time of early spring planting until the crops were harvested in the late autumn, while during the winter seasons he pursued his studies in the district schools. He remained under the parental roof until he had reached mature years, when he started out in life on his own account, following the pursuits to which he had been reared as a boy and youth. He is now the owner of seventy-four acres of land situated in Jackson township, which constitutes a part of the old home place, and in addition to this he also has ten acres of timber. He is careful and methodical in carrying on his work and is therefore meeting with good success in his undertakings.

Mr. Rhodes was married October 5, 1869, to Miss Margaret Light, who was born near Ganges, Richland county, June 1, 1849, a daughter of Michael and Catherine (Hinkst) Light, the former a native of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, while the latter was born in Cumberland county, that state. They came from their respective homes to Ohio with their parents, the father being a young man of nineteen years, while the mother was a little maiden of twelve years at the time of her arrival in the Buckeye state. Mr. and Mrs. Light located on a farm a mile and a quarter south of Ganges, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Their children, ten in number, were as follows: Mrs. Mary Reppert, who died leaving a family of eight children; Daniel, a resident of Burton Station, Oklahoma, who is married and has a family of nine children; Samuel, who lives in Allen county, Ohio; John, who died at the age of ten years; one who died in infancy; Lydia, the wife of Alfred Urich, a resident of Mansfield; Mrs. Catherine Bradley, a twin sister of Lydia, and now deceased; George, who resided in Ponca, Oklahoma, where he practiced as a physician and attorney, and served in the Civil war as a member of the One Hundred and Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, being also a representative from Putnam county, Ohio, to the general assembly for four years but is now deceased; Michael, who died at the age of eighteen years; and Margaret, now Mrs. Rhodes.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes has been blessed with two daughters: Rachel Catherine, the wife of Boyd Fachler, of Shiloh; and Lida Alberta, at home. Mr. Rhodes gives his political support to the men and measures of the democracy. He is honorable and straightforward in his business dealings and all who know him have for him warm regard.

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#### FRANCIS BUTLER NELSON.

Francis Butler Nelson, who is engaged in farming in Cass township, where he has made his home throughout almost his entire life, was born on a farm south of Shiloh, Richland county, October 5, 1870, a son of George and Matilda (Albertson) Nelson, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in 1811, and the latter in 1827. They were married in Ohio, where they made their home for some time, the father working at the tailor's trade, while later he engaged in general agricultural pursuits. He had been previously married and had the following named children by that union:

Martha, Elmer, David, George, Silas, John and Rachel. By the second marriage there were five children: Emma J., William K., Clara Belle, Laura Melissa and Francis B. The father of this family passed away in 1870 but the mother still survives.

Francis Butler Nelson, the youngest child of his father's second marriage, was but six weeks old at the time of the latter's demise. Subsequent to that time the mother removed to her present farm in Cass township, where the son was reared. He acquired his education in the district schools near his home. At an early age he was trained to the duties of the home farm, for his services were needed in the plowing, planting and harvesting. Later he was employed in the tile factory in Shiloh, where he remained for some time, but for the past fourteen years has been on his mother's farm and has the care and management of the same. He is an industrious and hard-working man and his labors have brought to him a rich reward.

Mr. Nelson has always given his political support to the men and measures of democracy and on the party ticket was elected to the office of trustee of Cass township, in which capacity he has served for the past three years. He is also a stockholder in the Shiloh Savings Bank. His fraternal relations are with the Masons, belonging to Shiloh Lodge, No. 544. He has ever taken a lively interest in public affairs, lending his aid and influence in the cause of every good movement and heartily promoting the progress and advancement of his community, while in his private business affairs he is meeting with success, owing to his capable management, his energy and his well directed labors.

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#### GEORGE H. LOWREY.

George H. Lowrey, a cigar and tobacco dealer of Mansfield, was born at Cuyahoga Falls, Summit county, Ohio, in 1857. His ancestors were natives of Scotland and emigrated to America about 1750, locating first near Canaan, Connecticut. The great-grandfather served as a private in the Revolutionary war, while the grandfather, Shubel H. Lowrey, participated in the war of 1812 under General Harrison.

The parents of our subject were Deming N. and Eliza J. (Harrison) Lowrey, the former born at Tallmadge, Summit county, Ohio, in 1825, while the latter's birth occurred at Cuyahoga Falls, Summit county, Ohio, in 1835. The father was connected with the hotel and livery business at Cuyahoga Falls for many years, but at the outbreak of the Civil war enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, becoming captain of Company G. He was mustered in at Massillon in August, 1862, and was sent to Tennessee under Colonel Lucy, his regiment being attached to the Army of the Cumberland. The regiment did detached service in Tennessee, and while guarding the railroad between Murfreesboro and Nashville, during General Forrest's raid, it was captured and held from October, 1864, until April, 1865, at Andersonville and Cahab. The prisoners were then exchanged and on the

23d of April, at Vicksburg, were put upon the ill-fated steamer Sultana, in the explosion of which Mr. Lowrey lost his life. This horrible catastrophe terminated the lives of about eighteen hundred men, who, having undergone all the hardships and dangers of warfare, were on their homeward way, eagerly looking forward to the time when they should once more be among friends and loved ones. In his political views Mr. Lowrey was a republican, and fraternally was connected with the Masons. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. He was married in 1855 and was the father of two children, namely: George H., of this review; and Hattie A., who was born at Cuyahoga Falls, Summit county, Ohio, in 1863, and became the wife of Fred Osier in 1886.

George H. Lowrey acquired his education in the schools of Cleveland, and in 1872 began his business career as a clerk in a shoe store of that city, there remaining for three years. In 1875 he came to Mansfield and entered the employ of Keiser Brothers, shoe dealers, and in 1892 formed a partnership with Mr. Lemon for the conduct of a shoe store. In 1895, however, he sold out to his associate and became connected with the cigar and tobacco business, which has claimed his attention to the present time. He has met with a gratifying and well merited measure of success in his undertakings and is well known as a substantial and enterprising citizen of the community.

In 1876 occurred the marriage of Mr. Lowrey and Miss Kate Hine, by whom he has one son, Harrison D., whose birth occurred in Mansfield and who was educated in the schools of this city and in the Western Reserve Dental College.

In his political views Mr. Lowrey is a stanch republican, and received his party's nomination for county treasurer. The fact that he was defeated by only a few hundred votes is an indication of his popularity and the trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen, as the democratic majority of this county is about fifteen hundred. He has acted as a member of the common council and is a public-spirited citizen whose aid and influence can ever be counted upon to further any movement or measure instituted for the general welfare. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and the Elks.

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#### MRS. JANE E. SCHULER.

Mrs. Jane E. Schuler belongs to one of the old families of Richland county and during the years of her life has witnessed many changes here as the county has grown and developed, taking on all the evidences of modern civilization. She relates many interesting incidents of the earlier days, for her parents, Frederick and Ruth Fitting, lived in this county at a very early period in its development. Her mother was a native of Maryland but her father was numbered among the native sons of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Knox county, just across the Richland county line, October 3, 1810. He was a son of Casper Fitting, who was one of the earliest settlers of Ohio,



John C. H. Miller

2477 men at Vicksburg were put upon the ill-fated steamer *Suitcase*, the crew of which Mr. Lowrey lost his life. This horrible catastrophe took the lives of about eighteen hundred men, who, having undergone the horrors of war and dangers of warfare, were on their homeward way, looking forward to the time when they should once more be among friends and kinsmen. In his political views Mr. Lowrey was a republican, and greatly was connected with the Masons. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. He was married in 1858 and is the father of two children, namely: George H., of this review; and Helen, who was born at Cuyahoga Falls, Summit county, Ohio, in 1863, and is the wife of Fred Osier in 1886.

George H. Lowrey acquired his education in the schools of Cleveland and in 1872 began his business career as a clerk in a shoe store of that city, continuing for three years. In 1875 he came to Mansfield and entered the employ of Keiser Brothers, shoe dealers, and in 1892 formed a partnership with Mr. Lettau for the conduct of a shoe store. In 1895, however, he sold out to his associate and became connected with the cigar and tobacco business which has claimed his attention to the present time. He has met with a gratifying and well merited measure of success in his undertakings and is well known as a substantial and enterprising citizen of the community.

In 1876 occurred the marriage of Mr. Lowrey and Miss Kate Hine, whom he has one son, Harrison D., whose birth occurred in Mansfield and who was educated in the schools of this city and in the Western Reserve Dept. College.

In his political views Mr. Lowrey is a staunch republican, and received his party's nomination for county treasurer. The fact that he was defeated by only a few hundred votes is an indication of his popularity and the regard reposed in him by his fellow townsmen, as the democratic majority of the county is about fifteen hundred. He has acted as a member of the council and is a public-spirited citizen whose aid and influence can be counted upon to further any movement or measure instituted for the welfare. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and the Elks.

#### MRS. JANE E. SCHULER.

Mrs. Jane E. Schuler belongs to one of the old families of Richland county and during the years of her life has witnessed many changes in the county and its development, taking on all the evidences of social civilization. She relates many interesting incidents of the earlier days of her parents. Frederick and Ruth Fiting lived in this county at a very early period in its development. Her mother was a native of Maryland and her father was a indeed an original native son of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Knox county, just across the Richland county line, October 18, 1811. He was a son of Casper Fiting, who was one of the earliest settlers of the



*W. M. Feltley*



becoming a resident of this state when the Indians were more numerous than the white men, when great tracts of timber land remained uncut, while the prairie was uncultivated. The streams, too, were unbridged and the work of civilization and development seemed scarcely begun. The years have since brought many changes and the mode of life is in marked contrast to that which existed during the youth of Frederick Fitting. In those early times the settlers largely lived in log cabins which were heated by fireplaces which were sometimes of enormous size, so that a big log could be placed therein. The furnishings of the home were primitive, cooking being done over the fireplace, while tallow candles served to light the little house. In the year 1819 the Fitting family established their home on a farm near Bellville and performed the arduous task of transforming new land into rich fields. When a boy Frederick Fitting had to walk two miles to school. The schools were of a very primitive character, for the system of public instruction as known today, was then undeveloped. The pupils were trained in reading, writing and arithmetic and occasionally were taught some grammar and geography, but the sciences and languages formed no part of the school instruction of that day. The boys, however, were trained to work and were taught lessons of industry, economy and perseverance. When a boy Frederick Fitting began teaming and hauled produce to Sandusky and also through to New York city. On the return trip he would bring dry goods and groceries. Carefully saving his earnings until he had secured sufficient capital to enable him to engage in business on his own account, he embarked in merchandizing in the '30s and so continued until about 1840, in which year he purchased the old Calhoun flour mills. He operated the mills for about five years, after which he purchased the old Hiskey mill. Subsequently he erected a very large flour mill, which he operated until about 1857. From that time until his death he gave his attention to general farming, making his home upon a tract of land which he purchased in 1849 and which he developed until it became a valuable property, annually returning to him rich and abundant harvests. He was a very successful business man and carried forward to completion whatever he undertook. He built the railroad from Mansfield to Independence, now Butler, which is a part of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad system, and became one of the founders and a director of the Savings Bank of Mansfield. His name was an honored one on commercial paper and he did much to promote the material progress and welfare of Richland county and the state. He became recognized as one of the prominent and honored residents of Ohio and on one occasion was solicited to become a candidate for governor, but declined. He never sought nor desired office, but was a life-long democrat and gave unfaltering allegiance to the party. Interested in the welfare of the community, he was active in many measures for its support, while throughout his entire career he maintained a reputation for unassailable honesty in business affairs. He was interested in the welfare of the community and active in many measures for its support. He died August 17, 1884, and his wife, surviving him about thirteen years, passed away on the 20th of April, 1897. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fitting were born two daughters: Mary, who is now deceased; and Mrs. Jane E. Schuler.

The latter was born in Jefferson township, this county, December 4, 1842, and spent her girlhood days under the parental roof, where she was trained to the work of the household, while the public schools afforded her the educational privileges which have qualified her for the successful conduct of business affairs in later years. She saw the first train pass through Bellville and has been a witness of many other events which have left their impress upon the history of the county. By her marriage she has become the mother of five children: Florence, who is now the wife of Edward Kelley, a resident of Bellville; Ida, the widow of Dr. Jackson; Mary, the wife of W. B. Elston, who is living in Peoria, Illinois; Catharine, the wife of Dr. Eastman, who is following his profession in Bellville; and Lenora, the wife of William Gass, who is located in Peoria, Illinois.

Mrs. Schuler now owns a valuable farm property of one hundred and twelve acres of rich and productive land, situated on section 9, Jefferson township, and adjoining the village of Bellville. It is a well developed property, supplied with all the modern equipments and accessories and returns to Mrs. Schuler a gratifying annual income. These improvements were all made by her father. There are three residences on her farm and she occupies one, which is attractive by reason of its warm-hearted hospitality. She was reared in the Presbyterian faith and is a lady of many excellent traits of heart and mind, who receives the warm friendship of many with whom she has been brought in contact and enjoys the respect of all who know her.

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#### HARLEY H. FATE.

Few men are more prominent or more widely known in the industrial circles of the enterprising little city of Plymouth than Harley H. Fate, now acting as president of the firm of J. D. Fate & Company, manufacturers of brick and tile machinery. The paternal grandfather, John D. Fate, Sr., was of Holland descent and came to Ohio from the Keystone state in 1822, locating in Crawford county. The father of our subject, John D. Fate, Jr., who was born in Crestline in March, 1849, followed farming and school teaching in early life and was married in 1871 to Miss Mary E. Sickman. In 1879 Mr. Fate became associated with E. M. Freese in the organization of the Ohio Brick & Tile Machinery Company, doing business in Crestline. Two years later, or in 1881, they removed to Plymouth and opened a similar enterprise, conducting business under the firm name of Fate & Freese. This enterprise was carried on until 1890, when Mr. Fate sold his interest to his partner, who is now carrying on a similar enterprise in Galion. The following year, in 1891, Mr. Fate organized the Fate & Gunsaulus Company, for the manufacture of brick and tile machinery, conducting the same until 1898, when he admitted his sons to a partnership, under the firm name of J. D. Fate & Company, with J. D. Fate as president; H. H. Fate, vice president; George B. Drennan, treasurer; and Miss E. K. Drennan, secretary. The death of the president, which occurred September 29, 1902, necessitated a change in the management

of the firm, at which time Harley H. Fate was elected president; H. S. Fate, vice president; and George B. Drennan, secretary and treasurer.

Harley H. Fate, whose name introduces this review, was born in Crestline, Ohio, February 19, 1873. At the age of eight years he was brought by his parents to Plymouth and here at the usual age he entered the common schools, acquiring a good education. He began his business career in 1898 when his father admitted him to a partnership in the firm of J. D. Fate & Company, manufacturers of brick and tile machinery, and with this enterprise he has since been connected. Upon the organization of the firm they conducted business in a structure one hundred and fifty by fifty feet, employing two or three men, but the business has now grown to such mammoth proportions that they have enlarged their space, having a structure three hundred and forty by seventy-five feet and they employ seventy-five men, while their products are shipped to all parts of the world. Mr. Fate is a man of keen discrimination, sound judgment and executive ability, and his excellent management has brought to the concern with which he is connected a large degree of success.

Mr. Fate is one of a family of two sons and one daughter, and as above stated, his brother, Harry S. Fate, born in Crestline, February 18, 1875, is now associated with him in business, acting as vice president of the firm. He is also vice president of the Commercial Motor Truck Company and a director of the First National Bank of Plymouth. The sister is Josephine, the wife of John A. Root, the secretary of Root Brothers Manufacturing Company, of Plymouth.

Harley H. Fate was married in December, 1903, to Miss Anna Bell Lawton, of Three Rivers, Michigan, and their union has been blessed with one daughter, Mary Josephine, born November 29, 1905. Mr. Fate is president of the Commercial Motor Truck Company of Plymouth and vice president of the First National Bank. He is a member of the city council. It is true that he became interested in a business already established but in controlling and enlarging such an enterprise many a man of even considerable resolute purpose, courage and industry would have failed, but he has been watchful of all details pointing to prosperity and has demonstrated the truth of the saying that success is not the result of genius but the outcome of clear judgment and experience.

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#### JAMES G. FERGUSON.

James G. Ferguson, who carries on agricultural pursuits in section 8, Washington township, was born in a little log cabin on the place where he still resides, February 11, 1845, his parents being Samuel and Margaret C. (Glasgow) Ferguson, the former born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, August 7, 1816, and the latter in Washington county, Pennsylvania, May 3, 1820. The grandparents of our subject were Samuel and Wilhelmina (Dye) Ferguson, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Richland county, Ohio, in 1819, purchasing a large tract of land from the government, which the father

leased to different parties and thus had it cleared. He had participated as a soldier in the war of 1812. Returning to the Keystone state, his death there occurred when he had reached the advanced age of ninety-eight years, while his wife was almost a centenarian at the time of her demise. Their family numbered nine children.

The parents of Mrs. Margaret C. Ferguson came from Pennsylvania to Ohio by wagon in 1832, locating in Knox county, where they remained for a year, after which they took up their abode in Richland county. Their last years, however, were spent in Henry county, this state.

Samuel Ferguson came to Richland county in 1840, here owning one hundred acres of land which he had received from his father. He began his domestic life in a log cabin, but as the years passed he met with a gratifying measure of success in his agricultural interests and at one time owned three hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land. He was widely recognized as one of the honored citizens and prosperous farmers of his community and his demise, which occurred April 6, 1895, was sincerely mourned. By his marriage, which was celebrated May 2, 1844, he had ten children, namely: James Glasgow, of this review; Wilhelmina E., deceased; Samuel, who has also passed away; Jennie, the wife of Ervin Beattie, of Michigan; Lycurgus E., a resident of Colorado; Ella, the wife of Charles Dean, of Kansas City, Missouri; Wilda O., the wife of John Longshore, of Ashland county, Ohio; Rilda A., twin sister of Wilda, who is the wife of John Dean, of Mansfield; Nettie, the wife of Frank Brown, of Kansas; and one who died in infancy. The mother of these children is still living and now makes her home with our subject.

James G. Ferguson was reared in the place of his nativity and acquired his education in the district schools. When not busy with his text-books he assisted his father in the work of the home farm and when he had attained the age of twenty-three years he began farming the place on shares for his father. The estate, which comprises two hundred and twenty acres, is not yet divided and he is still successfully engaged in its operation, meeting with a well merited and enviable degree of prosperity in the conduct of his farming interests.

On the 24th of January, 1874, Mr. Ferguson was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Hiskey, whose birth occurred in Perry township, Richland county, February 24, 1853. Her parents, Moses and Amanda (Dye) Hiskey, were both natives of Pennsylvania, the father's birth having occurred March 3, 1830. They came to this county by wagon in an early day, establishing their home in Perry township. Moses Hiskey passed away in 1900, while his wife was called to her final rest October 3, 1880. Mrs. Ferguson, whose demise occurred October 6, 1900, was the mother of nine children: Anna L., the wife of John McIntyre, of Lexington, Ohio; Margaret, deceased; Ethel W., the wife of Frank Garber, of Mansfield, Ohio; John S., who likewise makes his home in Mansfield, Ohio; Mary O., at home; Josephine, deceased; and Nettie M., Alice J. and William Kenneth, all of whom are still under the parental roof.

In his political views Mr. Ferguson is a democrat and has taken an active and helpful interest in the local work of the party, serving as trustee for one year, as justice of the peace for three years and as a member of the school board

for a number of years. Fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 446, at Lexington, and also with the Knights of Pythias at that place. Having resided in this county throughout his entire life, he is well and favorably known here and has gained the regard and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### DANIEL V. SUMMERS, M. D.

Dr. Daniel V. Summers, who in professional circles stands high in the community, was born in Shelby, February 12, 1863, and has practiced here since completing his preparation for the medical profession. His parents were Rev. Daniel and Louisa (Hine) Summers. The father was born September 8, 1822, near Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. The latter's great-grandfather in the paternal line came from Germany, while his grandfather on the mother's side came from England. His father, Daniel Summers, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war.

Reared in the state of his nativity, Rev. Daniel Summers acquired his education at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and at Springfield, Ohio, and determining to devote his life to the ministry of the Lutheran church he became identified therewith in 1851 and accepted a pastorate in Kentucky. He afterward served successively the churches at Shelby, Plymouth, Liberty, Vandalia and St. Paris, Ohio. During his long connection with the ministry he was instrumental in building four new houses of worship and in making extensive repairs on several others. He was likewise secretary of the Miami Synod for one term, was president of the Wittenberg Synod for four terms and was three times a delegate to the general synod. He was also a director of Wittenberg College for a number of years. His life has been a potent influence for good in the various communities where he has lived. His has been a contagious enthusiasm and his zeal for the church and the upbuilding of the cause have constituted strong elements in the growth of the Lutheran denomination in Ohio. His godly life has been an inspiration and encouragement to others and long after he shall have passed away his memory will be sacredly cherished by those who know him. Since retiring from the regular work of the ministry he has supplied pulpits and charges in Colorado, Kansas, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Maryland without compensation. He is now in his eighty-sixth year and is the only survivor of his father's family, making his home with his son, Dr. Summers, of Shelby. His wife, who was a native of Louisville, Kentucky, passed away in Shelby in 1886, at the age of fifty-three years.

Their family numbered nine children: Maggie, the wife of J. F. Kaufman, of Eaton, California; Judge A. M. Summers, of the supreme court of Ohio, who for the past eight years has been a resident of Springfield, this state; Rev. J. H. Summers, who was a Lutheran minister but is now deceased; George W., who has also passed away, while his widow resides in Gunnison, Colorado; Dr. D. V. Summers, of this review; Lottie O., who was a teacher in

the primary schools of Shelby and other places for a number of years and was very popular and is now the wife of Thomas West, of Pueblo, Colorado; Louisa H., the wife of Thomas Bowman, of Durango, Colorado; Jennie Bloom, who was a teacher in the high school in Shelby for a number of years and then went to Berlin, where she studied for three years, since which time she has resumed her professional labors; and Henry Franklin, who is an attorney of Springfield, Ohio. He is also superintendent of an eight hundred acre farm at Yellow Springs, Ohio, which belongs to his brother, Judge Summers. Of the nine children of the family the five sons were students at Wittenberg College and the father provided all with liberal educational advantages.

Dr. Summers, whose name introduces this record, acquired his early education in the Shelby schools and was a student in Wittenberg College from 1881 until 1885. Making choice of the medical profession as a life work, he entered Pulte Medical College of Cincinnati in the fall of 1885 and was graduated therefrom in 1888. Well equipped by thorough preliminary training he entered upon active practice in Shelby and now has a patronage which extends over the entire town and a large portion of the surrounding country. As a general practitioner he has been very successful and is generally regarded as a man who keeps fully abreast of medical progress. He is a member of the Ohio State Medical Society and was health officer of the city for a period of four years. He holds to high ideals in his practice and finds in the faithful performance of each day's duty inspiration and courage for the labors of the succeeding day. In his work he is prompted by a love of scientific research and by a spirit of broad humanitarianism as well as that laudable desire for financial success which is a stimulus in every honorable business.

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#### DANIEL ROGERS.

A valuable farm property in section 35, Plymouth township, is the home of Daniel Rogers, one of the most venerable and respected citizens of the community. He was born in Heidlersburg, Adams county, Pennsylvania, March 19, 1825, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Moore) Rogers, who were also natives of Adams county, Pennsylvania. The father was a wagonmaker, who followed the trade in Heidlersburg for twenty-five years and then removed to Hampton, Pennsylvania, taking up his abode there when his son Daniel was about five years of age. The family lived at Hampton for eight or ten years and in 1837 arrived in Mansfield, Ohio, at which time the city was a collection of little pioneer cabins. After two weeks spent there the family home was established four miles west of Shelby in the midst of the dense forest. Shelby at that time contained only two or three hundred inhabitants, and the country was largely undeveloped and unimproved. Samuel Rogers took eighty acres of wood land, which he cleared and placed under cultivation. However, he left the work of the farm largely to his sons while he engaged in wagonmaking. He had ten children. The death of the mother occurred when she was sixty-five years of age, while Samuel Rogers

passed away near Plymouth while making his home with his son. He had followed wagonmaking throughout his active life, and was well known as a representative of the industrial interests in his part of the county. The children of the family were Jacob, deceased; Mary, the wife of John Duell, who is also deceased; John and Samuel, who have passed away; Elizabeth, the wife of John Hughes, of Kansas; Margaret, the wife of John Slaybaugh, deceased; Isaac, deceased; Daniel, of this review; Abraham, who has departed this life; and Isabelle, the wife of William Hitchcock, who is living near Grand Lodge, Michigan.

Daniel Rogers resided on the farm with his parents up to the time of his marriage and then started in business on his own account. He has lived continuously in this locality since 1837 and has engaged in the tilling of the soil and in the raising and sale of horses. He has a farm of one hundred and seventeen acres in section 35, Plymouth township, and it has been his home since 1853. He bought his first sixty acres where the house is, and later added forty acres adjoining, and still later seventeen acres additional. When the property came into his possession there was a rude log house upon it, twenty by thirty feet, with a frame kitchen. Today there are modern buildings of substantial construction, and all of the latest improved machinery is used to facilitate the work of the fields. There were about four acres of apples when he took possession and the house was surrounded with peach trees. That year there was a very heavy crop of both peaches and apples, but there was little market for the fruit. The finest kind of peaches lay three inches deep on the ground and he could not sell them, while the apples, hand picked for winter use, brought only twenty-five cents per bushel. He now has all kinds of fruit on his place, and, in fact, his farm is a splendidly developed property, the fields annually bringing forth rich harvests.

For twenty-seven years Mr. Rogers was associated with J. M. Kingsley, of Hartford, Connecticut, in buying horses here; and since the business connection between them has been dissolved Mr. Rogers has bought and shipped horses for himself, his market being New York city. He has thus handled both road and draught horses, and while associated with Mr. Kingsley he purchased horses to the value of one hundred and eighty thousand dollars. His attention and energies have largely been given to his stock-dealing interests, while the active work of the fields and the farm has been done by men whom he employs for this purpose.

In 1850 Mr. Rogers was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Leasure, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1830 and in 1847 came to Ohio with her parents, George and Elizabeth Leasure. Mrs. Rogers passed away on the home farm in April, 1905. There were six children of this marriage: Alda I., wife of J. S. McComb; Blanche, the wife of James Funk, who is with her father on the farm; Rilla, the wife of M. J. Stowe, of Hancock county, Ohio; Jennie, the wife of C. S. Melchoir, of Toledo, Ohio; George, who died at the age of twenty-seven, leaving a widow and one child; and Minta who was killed at the age of twenty years while returning from a lecture in Shelby with a young man. They were driving across the tracks of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and both were killed. The death of this daughter occurred

in January and in June of the same year Mr. Rogers lost a son who was then thirteen years of age. He feels that the death of his children and his wife has been the greatest hardship that has ever come to him.

In business he has prospered, owing to his earnest efforts and unfaltering industry, and he is now most comfortably situated in life. In politics he is a stanch republican, where national questions are involved, but at local elections votes independently. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and also in his upright life, which has ever been in harmony with his profession. He has now passed the eighty-third milestone on life's journey and receives the high esteem and veneration which should ever be accorded one of his years. He has long lived in the county and is numbered among its pioneer settlers as well as its worthy citizens.

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#### HENRY WENTZ.

Henry Wentz is a prominent business man of Shelby, who is recognized by those who know him well as a man of most kindly heart, of sterling worth and integrity, as well as of keen sagacity and business enterprise. He was born in December, 1839, about two miles from Shelby. The ancestry can be traced back to three brothers who came from Switzerland in the early settlement of this country and located at Binghamton, New York.

Henry Wentz, Sr., the father of our subject, married Elizabeth Sheibley and they became the parents of thirteen children, of whom two died in infancy. The eldest daughter of the family, Mary Wentz, was born May 23, 1825, married John Feirorld, a farmer, and died April 24, 1903; Hannah, born December 25, 1826, married Adam Stine, of Crestline, Crawford county, Ohio, and died October 11, 1901; John, born November 11, 1828, is a carpenter by trade and resides in the city of Shelby; David, born June 6, 1830, was a farmer living near Shiloh, this county, and passed away December 3, 1905; Lydia A., born January 13, 1832, became the wife of George Bloom and died in Richland county, October 12, 1889; George, born July 3, 1834, died in 1886; the next was a daughter who died in infancy; Elizabeth, born October 11, 1837, and now living with her brother Levi, was followed by Henry, of this review; then came a son who died in infancy; Sarah Ann, born September 9, 1843, became the wife of Samuel Miller, of Shelby; and died January 1, 1890; Levi S., born September 18, 1845, lives on the old homestead in Cass township; Priscilla Katherine, both November 13, 1847, married David S. Stroup, a farmer living in Cass township, and died April 24, 1901. The parents of these children removed from Perry county, Pennsylvania, to Cass township, Richland county, Ohio, in April, 1834, and thus the family became identified with the country during the period of its pioneer development.

Henry Wentz was born here when Richland was still a frontier county and was reared amid the scenes and environments of pioneer life. He



MR. AND MRS. HENRY WENTZ.



remained at home until he was eighteen years of age and during that period assisted in the work of the fields, but on starting out in life on his own account he determined to follow other pursuits than that to which he had been reared and learned the carpenter's trade. He was twenty-one years of age when the Civil war broke out and, putting aside all business and personal considerations, he joined Company E of the Eleventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry under Colonel Lew Wallace and immediately entered upon active service. He proved a brave and loyal soldier whose meritorious conduct on the field of battle won him successive promotions until he became first lieutenant. He had served three and a half years when he resigned in December, 1864, and had participated in the battles of Fort Donelson and Fort Henry and the battle of Shiloh. He was also with his company in Arkansas and Tennessee and was present also at the siege of Vicksburg. He likewise participated in the battle of Port Gibson on the 1st of May, 1863, and of Champion Hill, May 16, 1863, on which occasion forty-three men of his company entered the engagement but only fifteen returned, the other twenty-eight being either killed or wounded. Lieutenant Wentz had his cap pierced by a ball, while another took the heel from his boot. After the Vicksburg campaign had resulted in the capitulation of the city with victory for the Union troops, Mr. Wentz participated in the Sherman expedition to Jackson, Mississippi. He was afterward transferred to the Gulf department and took part in the Teche campaign, while in 1864 he went to the Shenandoah valley and participated in the engagements at Hall Town, Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek, resigning in the fall.

Mr. Wentz returned to his home and after spending a year working at the carpenter's trade he became a merchant at Crestline, Ohio, carrying a stock of hardware, tinware and stoves, and successfully conducted the business until 1875, when he sold out and the following year came to Shelby.

In the meantime Mr. Wentz had been married on the 8th of June, 1865, to Miss Sarah A. Bushey, of Shelby, who was called to her final rest on the 29th of May, 1907. Unto them were born a daughter and two sons: Henry R., who was born March 21, 1867, and died in November, 1877; Estella Blanche, who was born October 4, 1869; and George Ralph, who was born March 1, 1879, and died in August, 1886. The daughter was married June 7, 1894, to Dr. D. V. Summers, of Shelby. She has two children, Harry Hugh and Helen Wentz.

Following his removal to Shelby, in 1876, Mr. Wentz engaged in the insurance business and was chosen secretary of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company. In 1885 this company reorganized under the name of the Mutual Plate Glass Insurance Association, of Shelby, and Mr. Wentz became its secretary. He is also actively interested in the real-estate business, forming a partnership with Francis Brucker and Hon. J. D. Leighty, of St. Joe, Indiana, and they have laid out an addition to the town of Shelby known as the Boulevard Addition, which has become one of the principal residence sections of the city. It was laid out in 1896 and the sale of lots has been rapid and profitable. Mr. Wentz is also a director of the Citizens Bank, of the Sutter Furniture Company and of the Shelby Electric Company, and is a stock-

holder in the Ohio Seamless Tube Company and director and treasurer of the Shelby Printing Company. He is likewise director and president of the Shelby Land & Improvement Company. His business interests are thus extensive and he is recognized as one whose keen insight and sagacity make his judgment valuable and constitute him an important factor in business circles.

In community affairs Mr. Wentz has taken an active and helpful interest. He has served as a member of the city council and has cooperated in many movements whereby the interests of Shelby have been enhanced. A most prominent member of Harker Post, No. 146, G. A. R., he served many years as its commander. He also belongs to the Royal Arcanum and the subordinate lodge and Uniformed Rank of the Knights of Pythias, in which connection he is now colonel of the Ninth Regiment of the Ohio Brigade. In the Lutheran church he has been an active and helpful member, has been president of the church joint council and also treasurer of the church. Such in brief is the history of Henry Wentz, whose life record proves the extent of his activity and the value of his services. With the capacity and experience that would enable him to fulfill any trust to which he might be chosen, he has never sought to advance himself in office, but has been contented to do his duty where he could and leave the self-seeking to others. Viewed in a personal light, he is a strong man of excellent judgment, fair in his views but unfaltering in advancing ideas which he believes to be right. He is a man of strong convictions and his integrity stands as an unquestioned fact in his career. He is in full sympathy with the great movements of the world about him and watches the progress of events with the keenest interest.

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#### J. B. BALLIET.

J. B. Balliet was born upon the farm and in the same house which he now occupies, his natal day being March 9, 1842. This is the old homestead farm of Steven Balliet and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Catharine Haferman. The parents were both natives of Carbon county, Pennsylvania, and were born in the year 1813. They became residents of Richland county, Ohio, during the pioneer epoch in its history, settling here in 1837. Their children were three in number: George W., a resident of Mansfield; J. B., whose name introduces this review; and Joseph L., also of Mansfield. When Steven Balliet arrived in Richland county more than seven decades ago he purchased the farm which is now the home of his son, J. B. Balliet, and with characteristic energy began its cultivation and improvement, making his home thereon until his death and becoming recognized as one of the substantial and respected agriculturists of the community.

As boy and youth J. B. Balliet worked upon the home farm, giving his father the benefit of his services until he was twenty-one years of age. He then started out in life on his own account and made investment in a farm of ninety-two acres in Wyandot county, Ohio. Taking up his abode upon

that property he lived there for seven years, after which he sold out and removed to Nevada, where he was engaged in the hardware business for ten years. On the expiration of that period he sold his store and turned his attention to the livery business, which he also conducted in the same town in Nevada for a period of twelve years. On disposing of his livery barn he returned to Richland county and took up his abode upon the farm which he now owns and occupies, comprising eighty-five acres of productive land on section 23, Madison township. The soil is naturally rich and productive and returns golden harvests to him in reward for the care and labor he bestows upon the fields.

In 1863 Mr. Balliet was married to Miss Ellen Schultz, a native of Richland county and one of a family of eight children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Balliet were born two daughters and a son, as follows: Emma, the wife of Abe Balliet, of Richland county; and Calvin and Margaret, both of whom are deceased. The wife and mother passed away in 1870, and in 1872 Mr. Balliet again married, his second union being with Miss Mary J. Moran, a daughter of John and Catharine (Oaks) Moran, who were natives of Ireland and came to America at an early day. Her father died in 1862 and her mother passed away in 1890. They were the parents of six children. By the second marriage of Mr. Balliet there were born three children but two of the number died in infancy, the surviving daughter being Catharine, the wife of A. L. Lober, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Balliet votes with the democratic party but has never sought nor desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. Throughout his entire life he has been a man of industry and enterprise, carefully conducting his business interests, and the success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own labors and careful management.

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#### ERSKINE CHAMBERS.

Erskine Chambers resides on one of the fine farms of Richland county known as Idealyld and lives in the old brick house which was built in 1832 by his grandfather, John Chambers. Its well kept appearance, however, gives little indication that it has passed the three-quarter of a century mark in its existence. John Chambers, the grandfather, and his brother, Andrew Chambers, came to Richland county in the beginning of the century and the former entered land in Springfield township. The brothers built a cabin on the land and cleared some of the place, spending the greater part of the summer here, but returned for the winter to their former home in Washington county, Pennsylvania. The next spring John Chamberes with his family, then constituting his wife, Sarah, and two children, came to make their home in the little cabin in Springfield township. When he took possession there was a camp of Indians on the place and they remained for four years or more but were always friendly and peaceable. The family, however, endured many of the hardships, trials and privations incident to pioneer life. The nearest

flour mill was at Zanesville, Ohio, about one hundred miles away, and the methods of travel at that time rendered it a very arduous task to reach the mill. To do so John Chambers would take one sack of grain on the horse which he rode and two sacks on the horse which he would lead or that followed him and thus go to mill. The country was thickly wooded and frequently there was no wagon road, so that he had to follow a trail, and there were no bridges, so that he had to ford the streams. This was occasionally a hard thing to do when the streams were out of the channel and flood high. When he would get to Zanesville he would have to wait his turn to have his grist ground. On the way the horses were liable to rub the sacks off against the trees, yet in time the animals became so accustomed to carry a load of this kind on their backs that they would with great dexterity swing around the trees with their load undisturbed. While John Chambers was away to mill his wife remained at home with their several small children, nor was her life free from the hardships and privations. There was an Indian camp not more than seventy rods from her cabin. She also had to care for the stock and had to carry the water from the spring about forty rods away. Shortly after the arrival of the family here she took her teakettle with her, having no bucket for the purpose, and started up the stream from which she had obtained water before. When she had proceeded a little distance she saw a tiny branch which she followed out to small bank, where she found water rising. Taking her hands she scooped out a little basin, then she stood and watched it fill up and flow over until the water ran clear, then she filled her kettle. This was the first time a white person had taken water from that spring. It remained, however, the source of water supply for the family and some of their descendants, who have always owned the home, and few pass by in hot weather without stopping to get a cool, refreshing draught from this spring. On one occasion when her husband was absent on a nine days' trip to mill Mrs. John Chambers was visited by squaws who came to beg. This was not an unusual circumstance, for they begged nearly everything. At that time, however, they brought a small vessel, which would hold about an ordinary cupful, and asked for cow's butter. Mrs. Chambers was never in the habit of refusing them anything she could possibly spare them, especially if her husband was away. She filled the dish as full as she could and then gave it back. They took it and pressed the butter down with fingers that could scarcely have been dirtier and then handed it back for her to fill again, which she at once did. The warriors, or men of the tribe, never came to the cabin while her husband was away but he would not be home an hour until a number of them would come to him. He was always their friend and they never attempted to molest him or his family in any way.

John Chambers was among the first to take up land in Richland county and he aided in laying broad and deep the foundation upon which its later prosperity and progress has been built. Two children were born unto him and his wife in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and seven were added to the household in Richland county. These were Samuel G., Susan, Margaret, Eliza, Thompson, James H., Emily Ann, Sarah and Eliza Ann. The eldest, Samuel G. Chambers, went to Grand View, Louisa county, Iowa, in 1849,

locating on a farm there. He was married June 18, 1852, to Rosanna Ronald, and they had five children, Sarah Emily, John Knox, Martha Josephine, William Elsworth and Samuel E. They lived near Grand View until 1880 and were then residents of Brown county, Kansas, until 1896. Samuel G. Chambers lived to be ninety years of age. His eldest daughter is the wife of Dr. H. P. Skiles, a prominent and well known physician of Chicago, residing at 963 Monroe street, and they have a family of five children, Vera Gertrude, Clara J., J. Herbert, Frank Chambers and Arthur. John Knox Chambers, the eldest son of Samuel G. Chambers, married Annie Walker and they have one child, Mary C. They reside at the old home in Kansas. Martha Josephine Chambers, the second daughter of Samuel G. Chambers, is the wife of James Casson, and they have four children: Francis, Bertha, Fred and Leila Casson. William Elsworth, the second son of Samuel G. Chambers, married Bessie Moore and lives at Parker City, Utah. They have two children, William and Harriet Chambers. Samuel E. Chambers, the youngest of the family, married Celia Casson, has three children, May, Gertrude and Samuel George Casson, and they live at Parker City, Utah.

Susan Chambers, the second child of John Chambers, who founded the family in Richland county, never married, but lived on or near the old home for over eighty years. The third child, Margaret Chambers, became the wife of Joseph Roe but at her death left no children. Eliza Chambers, the fourth child, became the wife of Hugh McCullough and had one daughter, Nettie McCullough. The fifth child, Thompson Chambers, died in infancy. The sixth child, James Harvey Chambers, married Elizabeth Morrow. He purchased the old home from his father, John Chambers, and there made his home throughout his entire life, covering eighty-one years. He was one of the foremost farmers of the county and a lover of good stock. Unto him and his wife were born two sons: Erskine and John Chalmers. The latter married Irene Copeland and they have four children: William C., Harvey, Elizabeth and Ruth. They now live at Lakeside, San Diego county, California, where Mr. Chambers has been engaged in raising fruit since 1897.

Emily Ann Chambers, the seventh child of John Chambers, became the wife of John McCullough, of Mahoning county, and they live on the old McCullough homestead near Portland. They had one child, Sarah Jeannette, who was liberally educated and became the wife of Joseph Roe McKnight, a successful attorney of Norwalk, Ohio. Their children are three in number: Edna Ninette, the wife of H. E. Graham, manager of the Oil Belt Telephone Company and a resident of Cygnet, Ohio; John Bronson McKnight, an attorney located in the mining district at Vernon, Nevada; and Ethelberta of Samuel Caldwell and they had three children: John Caldwell, who married McKnight, who became the wife of A. B. Rundell, a real-estate dealer of Norwalk, Ohio, by whom she has one son, John McKnight Rundell.

Sarah Chambers, the eighth child of John Chambers, became the wife Lessa Stevens and had one son, Oscar Caldwell; Hettie Caldwell, the wife of Jonathan Uhlich, a farmer and superintendent of the Children's Home in Richland county; and Minnie Caldwell, the wife of George Schanes, manager of the electric plant at Cardington, Ohio.

**Eliza Ann Chambers**, the ninth member of the family, became the wife of Robert Smith, who died shortly after their marriage.

The old home is now occupied by Erskine Chambers. This land was entered by John Chambers in 1809 and was deeded to him in 1814, while in 1857 it was deeded by him and his wife Sarah to their son, James H. Chambers, who in 1902 deeded it to his son, Erskine Chambers.

Erskine Chambers, the son of James H., married Miss Lizzie Boyce and to them have been born three sons. Harvey Arthur married Nancy Fisher, had one son, Arthur Erskine, and died at the age of twenty-two years. The younger sons, Clarence Boyce and John Erskine, are both at home. The father, Erskine Chambers, purchased the old home farm from his father. He had always lived upon this place, which is dear to him through the memories of boyhood as well as with the associations of mature years. The place is often spoken of as a model farm and indeed it possesses all of the accessories and conveniences of a model property of the twentieth century. The family have named it Idealyld. When Mr. Chambers was nineteen years of age he purchased three registered hogs and since that time he has been continuously engaged in raising registered stock, including hogs, sheep, cattle and horses. His brother John was a partner with him in his stock-raising for years, although they each owned separate animals. When his sons reached the age of nine and ten years Erskine Chambers made them partners in business, believing that an interest in one's occupation should grow as one's years advanced. Today they are young men and the firm is known as Erskine Chambers & Sons of the Idealyld Stock Farm. Many premiums have been awarded to the stock fed, raised or bred on the old farm and indeed it is a well known fact that some of the finest stock produced in Ohio has been here raised. The family occupy the old brick residence, which was built by the grandfather in 1832 and which is yet in an excellent state of repair. The work of improvement and development has been carried on along the most progressive lines of modern agriculture and the name of Chambers has long figured as a prominent one in agricultural circles here. Most of the family have also been most active in support of public measures, contributing to the general welfare, and Erskine Chambers is no exception to this rule.

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#### C. L. LINE.

C. L. Line was born in Wayne county, Ohio, November 17, 1845, his parents being Joseph and Susan (Underwood) Line. The father, who was also a native of Wayne county, learned the cooper's trade in early life and subsequently conducted a large cooper shop in East Union township, Wayne county, Ohio, hauling his barrels to Massillon, Ohio, with ox-teams. In 1849, attracted by the discovery of gold in California, he made his way to that state, and was very successful in his search for the precious metal. When a year had passed he boarded a vessel which was homeward bound, but was taken ill with cholera and died in 1850. His wife, long surviving him, was called to her final

re~~et~~ in 1891. Their family numbered five children, namely: L. N., who is living retired in Wells county, Indiana; C. L., of this review; S. S., a retired agriculturist living in Mansfield; Marion, who is a machinist residing at Galion; and Josephine, the wife of D. Leddingham, of Cleveland, Ohio.

C. L. Line acquired his education in Wayne and Crawford counties and early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He is now engaged in threshing and baling hay and in addition to the work of general farming he also carries on stock-raising, his valuable farm of two hundred and eighty-eight acres being located on section 26, Sandusky township, Richland county. He has won success in his undertakings because of his well directed and unremitting labor, supplemented by excellent business ability and sound judgment.

In 1870 Mr. Line was united in marriage to Miss Flora Alice Hoover, the only daughter of John Hoover. Her grandfather, John Hoover, set free his slaves in Virginia and came to Richland county, Ohio, here purchasing land. He first settled east of Mansfield but later took up his abode in Sandusky township. George Kern, the oldest butcher in Mansfield, bought his first beef, after coming to the United States, from the grandmother of Mrs. Line, the cow having been raised on the farm on which our subject now resides. John Hoover, the grandfather, passed away at the age of fifty-four years. The father of Mrs. Line was but six years of age when he accompanied his parent son their removal from Virginia to Richland county. After attaining man's estate he became connected with the Sandusky, Mansfield & Newark Railway, now a part of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, which is the second road in the state of Ohio, and was the oldest passenger conductor in this state. About the time when he decided to leave the railroad company's employ they were building new roads in the west and asked him to take the superintendency of a line in that part of the country. Mr. Hoover went only as far as Chicago, however, and then notified the railroad that he would follow his previous intention and go back to live on the farm with his family. Unto C. L. and Flora Alice (Hoover) Line were born four children, as follows: E. Jay, of whom mention is made below; E. C., employed by the railroad as a flagman, who married Miss Gussie Thayer and makes his home in Galion, Ohio; W. G., who married Miss Edna Krohn and is employed as baggageman by the Erie Railroad, also living in Galion; and Florence, the wife, of J. G. Lee, who is telegraph operator for the Erie Railroad at Galion, Ohio.

In his political views C. L. Line is a stanch democrat and has served as township trustee for several years. He is now a member of the board of education, the cause of public instruction finding in him a stalwart champion. Both he and his wife are devoted and faithful members of the United Brethren church at Galion, and are highly esteemed and respected residents of the community in which they dwell.

E. Jay Line was born on the old family homestead May 26, 1871, and supplemented his district-school education by a course of study at Ada, Ohio. For fifteen terms he has now been engaged in teaching school during the winter seasons, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he has acquired. During the summer months he is associated with his father in

the conduct of the home farm and is well known throughout the community as an enterprising and successful young citizen, who has gained recognition in educational as well as in agricultural lines.

On the 24th of December, 1899, occurred the marriage of E. Jay Line and Miss Manetta Holtshouse, of Galion, Ohio. They have a bright and interesting little daughter, Mary Alice, whose birth occurred June 1, 1903.

Mr. Line gives his political allegiance to the democracy, while his wife is a member of the United Brethren church. A man of genial nature and pleasant address, he has won the warm esteem and friendship of all with whom he has come in contact and is one of the worthy native sons of this county.

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#### HON. HARRISON MICKEY.

Among the men whose lives have conferred distinction upon the community which has honored them, is numbered Hon. Harrison Mickey, who has stood always as a man firm in his support of his honest convictions and his public service was actuated by a most earnest desire for the public good. He was born December 1, 1819, in Orange township, of what was then Ashland county, Ohio, but is now Richland county. His father, Robert Mickey, came to this county from Pennsylvania and here reared his family of thirteen children, all of whom are now deceased, with the exception of one, Robert, who lives in Illinois. Harrison Mickey was the third in order of birth. He spent his boyhood and youth amid the wild scenes and conditions of frontier life, aided in the arduous task of developing a new farm and as his years and strength increased assisted more and more largely in the work of the fields and garden. In 1834 the family removed to Madison township and there Harrison Mickey helped to clear a new farm, working in this way through the summer months, while in the winter seasons he attended the public schools. At the age of seventeen years, however, he left the farm and was apprenticed to John Swaner, a blacksmith of Mansfield, with whom he continued for about two years or until December 1, 1850. At that date he entered the employ of Minly & Young, of Shelby, and thus he worked as a journeyman for some time. He established a business on his own account, but was obliged to discontinue on account of physical disability.

After the election of Franklin Pierce Mr. Mickey applied for the post-mastership at Shelby and was the second man appointed to that office, the duties of which he assumed on the 1st of June, 1853, serving continuously until the 1st of October, 1860. During the presidential campaign of that year the Breckinridge and Lane committee asked him for a contribution of ten dollars for political purposes, but being a Douglas democrat he wrote a scathing letter which lost him his position. The letter read as follows: "Sirs: In answer to your note of yesterday demanding ten dollars in consideration of my official position as postmaster, to aid in making a political canvass in favor of Breckinridge and Lane, I will say that it can in no way be acceded to by me. Under the present circumstances and the manner in which you make



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the demand, I deem it an insult and an outrage upon every principle of honor, integrity and independence that ought to characterize the conduct and actions of every American citizen, be he high or low, rich or poor, and I cannot do otherwise than treat it as such without a total sacrifice of the rights of conscience and a cowardly submission of every principle of manly independence. I therefore spurn your demand as an offered bribe for the paltry place of a few official crumbs. I wear no official halter around my neck. I learned the principles of democracy from my mother's knee. I have been a democrat all my life and expect to die one. In 1852, to the extent of my humble ability, I did what I could in contributing to the election of Franklin Pierce and sustained the compromised measures of 1850. To carry out the same principles and measures, in 1856, I again did what I could to aid in the election of James Buchanan, to maintain those principles and measures so just to all sections of the country. And now again in 1860, if God spares my life, when a still more dangerous and formidable attack is made upon those time honored principles of the democratic party by fanatical disunion, factionists, both north and south, and an unholy attempt is made to break up and rush out the only national and conservative party,—and to that end I am invited to contribute aid. I will do all I am able in my honorable way to sustain and carry out those principles and uphold the nationality of the democratic party in the election of our noble standard bearers, Stephen A. Douglas and Herschel V. Johnston. If I cannot do this and longer hold my official position as postmaster of the little village of Shelby, without offending the powers that be, then I no longer desire the position. They may cut off my Douglas head. 'If this be treason then let it come—let it come and may we profit by the example.'"

It was always characteristic of Mr. Mickey that he never faltered in pronouncing his views when the occasion seemed to demand that he do so, nor was his position ever an equivocal one. He was fearless in defense of what he believed to be right and stood loyal in support of his honest convictions. During his term of postmaster he acted as mayor for nine months to fill a vacancy. He was again called to public office when in 1883 he was made the nominee of the democratic party for the position of state senator. He thus represented Richland county during the regular term and proved a capable and efficient working member of the upper house. While he was more or less active in political circles, he was always known as an enterprising business man and was the owner of one hundred and fifteen acres of valuable land, adjoining the corporation limits of Shelby on the south. In the management of this property he displayed keen business discernment and enterprise.

On the 19th of November, 1845, Mr. Mickey was married to Miss Cordelia Smith, who was born in Orange county, New York, September 23, 1823, and was a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Conger) Smith, both natives of the Empire state, the former born in Orange county and the latter in Cayuga county. The Congers were very prominent in that part of New York. One of the name was minister from the United States to a foreign country and Omer Conger represented his district in congress. Mrs. Mickey was eight years of age when her parents removed from New York to Sandusky, Ohio, and she

resided in Erie county until her marriage. This union was blessed with four sons: Herbert C., who is a farmer of Huron county, Ohio; Danton, at home; Harry P., who is living in Shelby; and Robert, who died in early life. Mr. and Mrs. Mickey celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. For a half a century they have traveled life's journey together, their mutual love and confidence increasing as the years went by. Mrs. Mickey is now the oldest resident of Shelby in years of continuous connection with the village, having lived here uninterruptedly since 1845, while since 1858 she has occupied her present home on Washington street.

The death of Mr. Mickey occurred May 28, 1897, and was an occasion of deep regret. He had reached the age of seventy-seven years and a life of activity and usefulness was ended when he passed away. He always commanded the respect even of his political enemies, while those who met him in social relations entertained for him that warm personal regard which is given in recognition of geniality, kindliness and deference for the opinions of others on the part of any individual. He was connected with the county from early pioneer times until almost the close of the century and his labors were an effective element in the growth and progress of the county.

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#### JAMES WAREHAM.

The name of Wareham has long been a prominent one in the agricultural circles of Richland county, and the gentleman whose name introduces this review is a worthy representative of the family to which it belongs. He is a native son of the Buckeye state, his birth having occurred on a farm near Caroline in Seneca county, January 16, 1847. The following spring he was brought by his parents, William and Sarah (Fulton) Wareham, to Richland county, the family home being established on a farm on section 16, Jackson township. The father was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1816, while the mother was a native of New York, her birth having occurred July 5, 1817.

William Wareham lost his mother when he was but six years of age and was left an orphan at the age of fourteen years. He then went to Seneca county, Ohio, with a family by the name of Kohler, the year 1830 witnessing his arrival in this state. After a short time he went to Marion county and worked on a farm for two years. He was then married to Miss Sarah Fulton and they began their domestic life on a farm in Marion county, where they lived for two or three years. At the end of that time they returned to Seneca county, where the father purchased forty acres of land, which he operated for a short period. He then disposed of his property there and came to Richland county, where his remaining days were passed, his death occurring February 5, 1888. The mother preceded him to the home beyond, passing away December 27, 1867.

James Wareham is one of a family of three children, and now the only surviving member, his elder brother, George, having died at the age of five

years, while the sister, Martha A., has also departed this life. As above stated, Mr. Wareham came to Richland county with his parents in 1848, the family home being established on a farm on section 16, Jackson township. He remained under the parental roof until he had reached the age of twenty-two years, when he learned the carpenter's trade, working at the same for four years. He was then married, in 1873, to Mrs. Elizabeth Gillespie, a widow. She was born in Jackson township, October 30, 1840, a daughter of John and Susannah (Henry) Drake, natives of Pennsylvania. They came to Richland county at an early day. Mrs. Wareham had one daughter by her former marriage, Carrie E., now the wife of Oscar Hart, of Plymouth township, and the mother of five children.

Following his marriage Mr. Wareham located on a tract of rented land, which he operated for thirteen years. At the time of his father's death he inherited the old homestead property and on this place he then took up his abode, living there during the succeeding twenty years. He then bought his present farm, comprising eighty acres, situated on section 15, Jackson township. He carries on general agricultural pursuits and is also engaged to some extent in raising stock. He is methodical and systematic in carrying on his work and is meeting with success in his undertakings.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wareham was blessed with four children: Anna May; Sarah Roberta, the wife of R. T. Stevens, of Jackson township, and the mother of two daughters, Elsie and Amy; William Drake, who wedded Edna Strock, by whom he has two children, Richard T. and Martha, and is now making his home with his father; and Lena Esther, the wife of Frank Auspach, of Shelby, by whom she has two daughters, Thelma E. and Mary. After a happy married life of thirty-two years Mr. and Mrs. Wareham were separated by the death of the wife, who passed away July 29, 1905.

Mr. Wareham was reared in the faith of the republican party but now casts an independent ballot, voting for men and measures rather than adhering to party ties. He is a member of Union Grange. His life has been one of unremitting and tireless toil and a glance at his well improved farm is the best evidence of what he has accomplished. He is highly esteemed in the community in which he makes his home for he has ever lived in accord with the principles of the Golden Rule.

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#### LOUIS L. ROGERS.

Louis L. Rogers first opened his eyes to the light of day March 19, 1864, on the farm on which his grandfather, Almanzar Rogers, settled in 1839 and which is now the home of another grandson, A. J. Rogers, who is represented elsewhere in this volume. The parents of our subject were Philander and Sarah Amanda (Gamble) Rogers, and in the maternal as well as in the paternal line the subject of this review is a representative of an old and prominent pioneer family.

The father was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1831, and was eight years of age when he came to Richland county with his father, Almanzar Rogers. His mother, Mrs. Malinda Rogers, died in Pennsylvania when the son was four years of age and the father afterward married again, his second union being with Sarah Parker. By the first marriage he had ten children but there were no children of the second marriage. Philander Rogers was the ninth in order of birth and for fifty years he lived upon the farm which is now the home of his son Louis. He had one hundred acres of land on section 20, Sharon township, and as the years passed he brought his farm under a high state of cultivation. For eleven years after his marriage he resided with his father and then removed to the town of Shelby, but after a brief period returned to this place, where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring here April 23, 1898. His political views were in harmony with the principles of the democratic party, while his religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is still survived by his wife, who is a lady of remarkable memory. She can well remember when Mansfield had but thirty or forty houses and in those early days she frequently accompanied her father to the county seat, for he was county judge and filled the position for five years. She can remember, too, the time when wild hogs, wolves and other wild animals were quite numerous here. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Philander Rogers were born five children: Rhoda, who died at the age of twenty years; Malinda, also deceased; Lucy Matilda, the wife of Frank Darby; Burton, of Toledo; and Louis L., of this review.

Louis L. Rogers was reared at the place of his birth to the age of six years, after which the family lived for two years in Shelby and then took up their abode upon the farm which has now been his home since 1872. It comprises one hundred and five acres of rich and arable land, situated on section 20, Sharon township, and belongs to Louis L. Rogers and his mother. In the acquirement of an education he attended the public schools and also spent two years as a student in Oberlin College. He worked in Cleveland, Ohio, for one winter and during the remainder of his life has lived on the farm, giving his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits. He is a man of energy and determination, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and is now numbered among the prosperous farmers of the community.

Mr. Rogers has been married twice. On the 13th of December, 1893, he wedded Phoebe Molder, a native of Sharon township and a daughter of Jacob and Maria Molder. She died leaving one son, Leroy Burton, born November 8, 1894, after which Mr. Rogers was married, June 1, 1897, to Elnora Molder, a sister of his first wife. They have three children: George L., born June 20, 1898; Hazel D., born June 19, 1901; and Leona G., born June 9, 1903.

Mr. Rogers has served as a member of the board of education in Sharon township for the past three years. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party but has no desire for office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs, in which he has met with signal success. He has a large Rock on his farm that was brought from Shelby to this place,

it having been used in the first gristmill of Shelby by John Gamble. The name of Rogers has been associated with the history of Richland county for almost three score years and ten and the work which was begun by his grandfather and continued by his father is still being carried on by Louis L. Rogers, who is one of the well known practical and progressive agriculturists of Sharon township.

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#### C. E. HEATH.

In the field of commercial and industrial activity C. E. Heath has won distinction and today is numbered among the leading, influential and honored citizens of Plymouth, being the vice president and general manager of the Root Brothers Company, manufacturers of hardware specialties, while he is also one of the organizers and present owners of the People's Mercantile Company, operating one of the largest retail stores in Richland county.

Mr. Heath is a native son of the Buckeye state, his birth having occurred on a farm in Grafton township, Lorain county, June 8, 1872. He is a son of James and Rosalia (Deles Dernier) Heath, the former a native of Medina, Ohio, while the latter was born in Lagrange, Lorain county, this state. The father was killed when his son C. E. was a little lad of four years. The mother was married a second time and still survives, now making her home in Plymouth.

C. E. Heath is the eldest child in his father's family, his sister being Daisy, the deceased wife of Leonard Sweet; while his brother bears the name of Jay Heath, and now resides in Kansas City. C. E. Heath acquired his education in the common schools and was reared to farm life, remaining on the homestead property until he had reached the age of nineteen years, when he began clerking in a music store and bakery at Medina. After four years spent in that way he took up his abode in Galva, Illinois, where in connection with a cousin he purchased a bakery, which he conducted for two months, when he sold his interest to his partner and returned to Medina, purchasing the interest of G. U. Root in the firm of the Root Brothers Company, manufacturers of hardware specialties. About twelve years ago they removed the plant to Plymouth, having at that time about five hundred dollars' worth of stock. Seven years ago the company was incorporated with C. F. Root as president; C. E. Heath, vice president and general manager; P. H. Root, superintendent; J. A. Root, treasurer; and H. F. Root, secretary; and they are so acting at the present time. Upon opening business in Plymouth they issued a catalogue, sending it to the retail trade all over the country and in this way they have built up a mammoth trade, extending to all parts of the United States and Canada, Australia, England and many other foreign lands. They employ about sixty-five men in the operation of their plant, sending out over a carload of goods per day. In addition to managing the enterprise above referred to, Mr. Heath is also financially interested in the People's Mercantile Company of Plymouth, operating one of the largest retail stores in the county, of which he was one of the organizers.

It was in October, 1893, that Mr. Heath was married to Miss Mabel E. Root, a native of Medina, Ohio, and a daughter of Clayton F. Root, president of Root Brothers Company. He was born in Sharon township, Medina county, in January, 1853. He was one of the originators of the business which is now conducted under the name of the Root Brothers Company, manufacturers of hardware specialties, and in this connection is meeting with unbounded success in his undertakings. The firm are also stockholders of the Motor Truck Company of Plymouth, and of the Sandusky, Norwalk & Mansfield Electric Railroad Company.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Heath has been blessed with a daughter and son: Marion and William Earl. Both are natives of Plymouth. Mr. Heath is a member of the school board, in which he is deeply interested, and is also identified with the village board.

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#### WILLIAM ROY SWISHER.

William Roy Swisher, who is actively connected with the mercantile interests of Mansfield as senior member of the grocery firm of Swisher & Charles, was born south of this city, on the 14th of May, 1883. His father, Samuel Burr Swisher, was a graduate of the Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio, and taught school for several years or until he had accumulated enough capital to purchase a small farm. Here he successfully carried on dairying and farming interests until he died of typhoid fever at the age of thirty-nine years.

William Roy Swisher attended the Woodville country school at the age of fourteen years and subsequently entered the Mansfield high school, where he devoted three years to the Latin course. In the fall of 1901 he became a clerk at a very moderate salary, in the grocery store of S. B. Neal, located at No. 3 North Main street in Mansfield. He remained in this employ until the firm changed hands in 1902, when he began clerking for Leitz & Needles at No. 18 P avenue West, and in February, 1902, when but nineteen years of age, purchased the interest of Mr. Needles in the business. The present firm of Swisher & Charles was established in September, 1902, and though at first patronage was limited and profits were small, the business has steadily grown and developed until it is second to perhaps only one grocery firm in this city. He possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution, and his close application to business and his excellent management have brought to him the high degree of prosperity which is today his. Though still a young man he has already won for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business and is well known and highly esteemed as a worthy representative of the mercantile interests of Mansfield.

On the 28th of June, 1905, Mr. Swisher was united in marriage to Miss Kathryn Clyde Schaeffer, a daughter of Justice George A. Schaeffer, of Mansfield. They have one son, William Roy, whose birth occurred June 19, 1907.

Even before age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Swisher took an active part in republican politics, being appointed registrar of election in his precinct in his twenty-first year. In 1907 he announced himself as the republican candidate for the position of treasurer of Madison township. Though this township has a democratic majority of four hundred and his opponent was Edward Lemon, who for years had been an important factor in democratic politics, Mr. Swisher won the election by twenty-seven votes, the total number of ballots being fifty-five hundred. Thus at the age of twenty-four years he became treasurer of Madison township, his election being incontrovertible proof of his popularity and the trust reposed in him by his fellow-townsmen. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Improved Order of Red Men, being now sachem of Metamora Tribe of the last named organization. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Christian church of Mansfield, and he is a public-spirited citizen, giving his cooperation to every movement which tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of his native county.

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#### GEORGE ATYEO.

George Atyeo, who since 1903 has been engaged in the grain, coal and feed business in Plymouth, is classed among the representative business men of this village. He is a native son of the Buckeye state, his birth having occurred in Ripley township, Huron county, September 10, 1879, a son of Isaac and Emily (Enderby) Atyeo. The former was born in England in January, 1838, and came with his parents to the United States when twelve years of age, at which time the family located in Huron county. He is a marble worker by trade and also owns a farm. The mother was born in Richland county and both still survive, and are making their home in Huron county. Their family numbered eleven children, of whom ten are now living.

George Atyeo, whose name introduces this review, is the youngest of his father's family and was reared under the parental roof until he reached years of maturity. His education was acquired in the public schools and upon starting out in life on his own account he engaged in farming in his native county. He followed that occupation for several years, or until 1903, when he came to Plymouth and with an older brother, Ruey A., engaged in the grain, coal and feed business. They purchased the elevator of R. F. Guthrie, this having a capacity of fifteen thousand bushels. He buys and sells large quantities of grain each year and in his undertakings is meeting with excellent success. He also handles good grades of coal for which he finds a ready sale in Plymouth and surrounding country.

Mr. Atyeo was married, August 3, 1904, to Miss Gertrude Frost, who was born in Illinois, a daughter of John and Alice Frost. Mr. Atyeo gives his political support to the republican party, while his fraternal relations

are with the Knights of Pythias. He is highly respected in business circles, for he ever follows the most straightforward and honorable methods in all his dealings and is numbered among the wide-awake and progressive young business men of this section of the state. He and his wife occupy a beautiful home, situated on Railroad and Mills avenue, which is the scene of many social functions.

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#### CHARLES TAYLOR.

Charles Taylor was for a long period identified with the agricultural interests of Richland county but is now living retired in a pleasant home in Plymouth, deriving his income from a good farm property. He is a native of Lincolnshire, England, born February 13, 1838, a son of Robert and Mary (Carrot) Taylor, who were natives of Nottinghamshire, England. Their family numbered six sons and four daughters, the mother dying when our subject was a little lad of seven years.

The father then removed with his family to the United States about 1853, and spent his remaining days in the Buckeye state, passing away in Auburn township, Crawford county, when he had reached the age of more than ninety years, his birth having occurred in 1796. The record of his family is as follows: Joseph, who died in February, 1908, when more than eighty years of age; Robert, who passed away in Washington township, this county; William, who died in Ontario, Richland county; Phoebe, who is deceased, her death occurring in England when she was twenty-four years of age; Ann, the deceased wife of C. J. Smith, of Galion, Ohio; Mary, the wife of C. J. Smith, of Plymouth; Caroline, the deceased wife of Peter Dillon, of Springfield township; John, also a resident of that township; George, who resides on the old homestead in Washington township; and Charles, of this review.

Charles Taylor was a youth of sixteen years at the time of the father's emigration with his family from England to the United States, this being about 1853 or 1854. The family home was established on a farm in Washington township, which is now the property of George Taylor, the brother of our subject. After two years spent on the home farm Charles Taylor went to live with A. L. Grimes, by whom he was employed at farm labor, receiving for his services one hundred and thirty dollars the first year. He was economical and energetic and finally managed to save a sum of money that enabled him to purchase land of his own, when he became the possessor of eighty acres of land near Council Bluffs, Iowa. This was entered from the government at the usual price and owing to the improvements he placed upon it he was enabled in course of time to dispose of his farm at one hundred dollars per acre.

He then went to Iroquois county, Illinois, where he farmed for four and a half years, after which he returned to Ohio, locating in Crestline, where he made his home for one winter. He then rented a farm in Springfield township, Richland county, which he operated for a time but eventually pur-



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chased eighty acres in Crawford county, where he made his home during the succeeding eleven years. At the end of that period he sold and purchased a farm of one hundred and fifty-seven acres in Plymouth township, on which he made his home for twenty-one years. Owing to poor health he then put aside business cares, sold his farm and removed to Toledo, where he spent a short time, after which he took up his abode in Plymouth, where he is now living retired, deriving his income from his good farm properties. For a long period he led a busy, active and useful life, so that the rest which he is now enjoying is well earned.

Mr. Taylor was married March 25, 1860, to Miss Mary E. Wagoner, who was born in Knox county, Ohio, April 25, 1839, a daughter of Emanuel and Mary (Baughie) Wagoner, the former a native of Pennsylvania, while the latter was born in Wooster, Ohio. The father was a cabinetmaker by trade. His death occurred in Knox county, Ohio, when the daughter was but five years of age. The mother was afterward married again, her second union being with Henry Armentrout.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor has been blessed with six children, as follows: Mary L., who is at home; Mrs. Hulda Ann Thrush, of Plymouth township; William Elmer, a resident of Toledo, Ohio; Robert M., who operates his father's farm in Springfield township; Mrs. Phoebe Caroline Tattershaw, who has passed away; and Lucy Eleanor, who is also deceased.

Mr. Taylor gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party and has served as a member of the school board and also as a road officer. He is a member of the Baptist church at Auburn Center, of which he has served as deacon the past three years. He is everywhere known as an honorable, upright citizen and in his treatment of his neighbor he has never lost sight of the principle of the Golden Rule. He has now passed the seventieth milestone on life's journey and in his pleasant home in Plymouth is living a contented and happy life, enjoying the rest which he so well deserves.

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#### JACOB HAWK.

Jacob Hawk is now living retired in Shelby, deriving his income from valuable farming property. He owns four farms in this part of the state and the rich Ohio soil is returning to him a gratifying financial reward. He is numbered among the self-made men and as the architect of his own fortunes has builded wisely and well. His life record began at St. Thomas, in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, September 7, 1837, his parents being William and Susan (Miller) Hawk, the former a native of Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Franklin county. The father was born January 8, 1813, while the mother's birth occurred on the 15th of September, 1812. Throughout his entire life he resided upon farms and for many years made his home on a farm just south of Shelby, where he located in 1851. His death there occurred November 16, 1873, while his wife passed away August 9, 1866. In early life he learned the saddler's trade, which he followed until

his marriage, and then turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, which afterward claimed his time and energies. He was a member of the Reformed church, and his life was ever upright and honorable.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. William Hawk were born nine children, of whom Jacob is the eldest. The others are: Mrs. Katharine Leppo, now deceased; Mrs. Elizabeth Lemamaker, who has also passed away; Rebecca, who died at the age of nine years; Mrs. Nancy Fletcher, deceased; Miss Mary Walworth, who is living in Newark, Ohio; John, who resides on the old homestead; William, who died in Jackson township, June 2, 1908; and Miss Hattie Holdron, whose home is in Michigan.

Jacob Hawk spent the first fourteen years of his life in the state of his nativity and in October, 1851, accompanied his parents when they removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio and settled on a farm two miles south of Shelby. Mr. Hawk remained at home until his marriage, which was celebrated on the 31st of May, 1834, the lady of his choice being Miss Sarah Will, who was born in Sharon township, Richland county, on the 21st of January, 1846, and has always lived here. Her parents were Valentine and Elizabeth (Cook) Will, natives of Baden, Germany, the former born in 1803 and the latter in 1805. They were reared, educated and married in their native country and in 1833 sailed for the new world with their two children, who had been born in the fatherland. They spent the remainder of their lives in Richland county, where Mr. Will pursued the occupation of farming. Their family numbered twelve children, including Mrs. Hawk.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hawk began farming in the spring of 1835 on a place adjoining the old homestead and for many years thereafter Mr. Hawk was numbered among the most active, energetic and progressive agriculturists of the community. He continued to live upon his original farm until 1898, when he removed to Shelby, where he now makes his home. He still retains the ownership of the homestead, however, and in fact owns altogether four farms in this county. He started in life with nothing but a team and a few household goods, which his father gave him, but he possessed energy sufficient to enable him to overcome all difficulties and obstacles and as the years have gone by he has so utilized his advantages that he is now one of the prosperous residents of the community, with a competence amply sufficient to enable him to enjoy all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. The home place comprises one hundred and eighty-five acres and on the same section he owns another tract of ninety-six acres. He also has a farm of eighty acres in Jackson township and another one of one hundred acres, so that his possessions aggregate four hundred and sixty-one acres. He is, in fact, one of the largest landowners in this section of the county and he still continues to oversee his farming interests, although he leaves the active work of the fields to others. He purchased his present home in the spring of 1898 and is now pleasantly located at No. 62 South Gamble street in Shelby.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hawk have been born seven children: William W., who is living on his father's farm in Sharon township; Edgar, who resides upon the old home place; Burton, who is living on one of his father's farms

in Jackson township; George, who is also living on one of his father's farms; Daisy Elizabeth, the wife of John C. Kerr, of Shelby; Clara S., at home; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Hawk exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, but has never sought office for himself. He is a member of the Lutheran church and his religious faith has been a guide in life, prompting his honorable relations with his fellowmen. The secret of his success lies no more in his persistency of purpose and his unfaltering energy than in his irreproachable business integrity. He has now passed the Psalmist's span of three score years and ten, but is still a very active man, and in spirit and interests seems much younger. His strong traits of character are those which in every land and clime evidence a good will, and the success which he has achieved, and the public-spirited interests which he has taken in community affairs make him one of the representative residents of this part of the state.

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#### MARTIN TOUBY.

Martin Touby, who is meeting with a large degree of success in the conduct of his farming interests in Washington township, was born near Butler, Ohio, in Worthington township, June 24, 1857, his parents being John and Anna C. (Kochheiser) Touby, the former born in Germany in 1827 and the latter on the 1st of January, 1831. The father accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world about 1846 or 1847, the family home being established in Washington township, Richland county, Ohio.

In 1849, John Touby, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific coast, was grub staked and sent to California. After an absence of eighteen months he returned home, and after settling accounts with the man who had staked him, he discovered that he had six hundred dollars left. With this sum he purchased a farm east of Bellville, which he operated for three years and then sold, coming thence to Washington township. Here he bought a tract of one hundred and twelve acres, which he disposed of, however, after a period of five years and then purchased one hundred and forty acres, later adding forty more acres to the place. Later he bought one hundred and twenty-one acres on the Pleasant Valley road, and subsequently acquired a tract of twenty acres more on the same road. Here he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on the 7th of January, 1889. He was highly esteemed in the community, and held a number of public positions of trust and responsibility. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Evangelical church, with which his wife is also identified, the latter now making her home in Mansfield, Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. John Touby were born five children: Louisa C., the wife of John Remy, of Washington township; Mary, deceased; Martin, of this review; Mrs. Catherine Garver, living in Mansfield, Ohio; and Albert C., of Washington township.

Martin Touby acquired his education in the district schools and remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage, when he began farming on his father-in-law's place. He now owns one hundred and fifteen acres of well improved land on section 30, Washington township, his farm being equipped with all modern accessories and conveniences. He has a commodious, attractive and up-to-date pressed-brick residence, the interior finishings being in oak, and has likewise erected large and substantial out-buildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He is a man of untiring industry and excellent business ability, and is well known and esteemed as one of the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of the community.

On the 31st of January, 1884, Mr. Touby was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Mary Schindler, whose birth occurred in Washington township, March 15, 1860. Her father, Christian Schindler, is mentioned on another page of this volume. Unto this marriage have been born three children: Archibald A., Marie L. and Otto Leroy, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Touby gives his political allegiance to the men and measures of the democracy, and has served his fellow townsmen in various positions of public trust. He and his family are all members of the Evangelical church, and they have gained an extensive circle of friends throughout the locality, the hospitality of the best homes being freely accorded them.

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#### DANIEL S. FAULKNER.

Daniel S. Faulkner, living in Plymouth township, was there born July 24, 1844, and has always followed farming. He is the son of George and Julia (Green) Faulkner. His father was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1806, and when twenty-seven years of age came alone to the new world. He worked as a laborer until he was married, in 1837, after which he spent his remaining days as a farmer in Plymouth township, where he died in February, 1890. He prospered in his undertakings and at one time was the owner of about three hundred acres of land. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Pleasant Grove and a man whom to know was to esteem and honor. His wife was born in Licking county, Ohio, in 1813, and died in this county at the age of seventy-five years. She came here in 1816 with her parents, William and Martha (Staunton) Faulkner. They settled in this township when it was a wild and unimproved district, theirs being one of the first three white families of the locality. Indians were numerous in the neighborhood and many other evidences of frontier life were to be seen.

In the Faulkner family were seven children: William, who is now farming in Auburn township, Crawford county; Martha, who died at the age of sixteen years; Daniel S.; George, a fruit grower of California; Mary, the wife of Samuel Gutshall, of this township; Caroline, the wife of Harry Lee, of the same township; and Julia, who died in infancy.

Daniel S. Faulkner was reared to farm life and has always carried on the work of tilling the soil. He now farms one hundred and seventy acres, and since the spring of 1871 has lived on this place, which formerly belonged to his father. In 1883 he built his present fourteen-room house of brick, it being one of the finest homes in the countryside. He also has a fine large barn which he built, the dimensions of which are forty by seventy-six feet. He raises both grain and stock and is meeting with success in his undertakings. He has also been the owner of a farm of six hundred and forty acres in southern California for about ten years.

In 1870 Mr. Faulkner was married to Miss Mary A. De Witt, who was born in Williams county, Ohio, May 8, 1850, and died July 4, 1907. She was but six years of age at the time of her father's death and but eight years old when her mother passed away. By her marriage she became the mother of four children: Rhuie, the wife of James Major, of Plymouth township; Jennie, the wife of Charles Eggner, living on her father's farm; Roy, at home; and Rolin, who was a twin brother of Roy and died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Faulkner is a democrat. He belongs to the Grand Army post at Shelby, being entitled to membership therein from the fact that on the 2d day of May, 1864, he enlisted as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Sixty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was sent to Washington with the Army of the Potomac and was in no engagements, being on detached service. He remained at the front for one hundred days. He is well known as a representative farmer of the community and one who is meeting with creditable success in his undertakings.

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#### MAGNUS DOUGLAS FRAZIER.

Magnus Douglas Frazier, manager for the Shield Publishing Company at Mansfield, was born in Charleston, West Virginia, January 17, 1852. His parents were Thomas James and Eliza (Manor) Frazier, the former a native of Philadelphia and the latter of Frederick county, Virginia. The father was a tailor by trade, but becoming crippled, he did not follow that pursuit longer, and was made superintendent of a plantation. At the time of the Civil war, during the boyhood days of M. D. Frazier, the family lived at Harper's Ferry. His elder brother was a confederate soldier, but the father was in sympathy with the Union cause, and after the rebels had been driven away from Harper's Ferry, Mr. M. D. Frazier hoisted the first Union flag, his father assisting him to climb on to the roof of the house, and there tack up the stars and stripes before the enemy was out of sight. Mr. Frazier is also the only man left in this vicinity who witnessed the hanging of John Brown.

Mr. Frazier was but ten years of age when his mother died. He acquired his education in a country school and in early life learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked in Charleston until eighteen years of age. He afterward went to Martinsburg, Ohio, and in 1874 became a resident of Mansfield, where he followed carpentering for two years. Subsequently he spent

nine years in the employ of the Brown Manufacturing Company, which he represented for a year in Texas. The company desired him to return to the Lone Star state the following year, but not wishing to do so Mr. Frazier resigned his position. He then took charge of the circulation department for the Zanesville Signal, and at the close of one year was made assistant business manager, which position he filled for five years. He was then appointed business manager and continued to act in that capacity for seven years. On the 1st of June, 1900, he arrived in Mansfield, and has continuously acted as general manager for the Shield Publishing Company from that time to the present, the success of the paper being attributable in no small degree to his business enterprise and excellent executive ability.

In 1882 Mr. Frazier was married to Miss Clementine Virginia Holmes, of Zanesville, Ohio, a daughter of Jesse Holmes, a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Frazier attend the Presbyterian church and he gives his political support to the democratic party. Socially he is an Elk, an Odd Fellow, a Knight of Pythias and he likewise belongs to a golf club, being interested in all manly outdoor sports. There has been nothing spectacular in his career, on the contrary it has been marked by a slow yet steady progress, and his advancement has resulted from the wise use of his opportunities and his ability.

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#### JAMES C. FINNEY.

James C. Finney is the owner of a good farm of forty-six acres in Madison township, Richland county, Ohio. Almost his entire life has been devoted to general agricultural pursuits and he is careful in the management and progressive in his methods of farm work. Moreover, he deserves mention in this volume from the fact that he is one of the native sons of the township in which he resides and has, therefore, been a witness of its growth and development for seventy-five years, his memory forming a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. His natal day was May 22, 1833, and his parents were Thomas and Nancy (Cuberson) Finney, both of whom were born in Ohio. The father's birth occurred in 1795, and in 1826 he came to Richland county, Ohio, arriving with an ax upon his shoulder and an extra shirt tied up in a handkerchief. This was the extent of his baggage. He was, however, a young man imbued with determination and resolute purpose, resolving that he would establish for himself a good home upon the frontier. He entered from the government a tract of land on section 30, Madison township, which was covered with a dense growth of timber. With characteristic energy he began clearing away the trees and soon erected a little log cabin, eighteen by twenty feet, with a clapboard roof and a puncheon floor and door. It contained but one small window, and this had four little panes of glass, six by six inches. It was an arduous task that confronted him in his efforts to hew out a farm in the midst of the forest, but the first year he cleared about two and a half acres of land. The following spring, 1827, he returned to Belmont county, Ohio, where his birth had occurred, and there

he was married. With his bride he again came to Richland county in the same year, and they were soon installed in the little home which he had prepared, taking up their abode there in the month of May. Mr. Finney was soon busy planting corn and potatoes that he might raise a crop which would furnish them with something for the table. He then resolutely took up the work of clearing the farm, making rails and building fences, and as time passed the trees were cut down, the stumps grubbed up and the brush cleared away, and where once stood the forest trees, fine fields of grain were seen. He continued to carry on farming there until his death, which occurred in 1858, while his wife survived until 1871, and was then laid to rest by his side in the cemetery in Mansfield, Ohio. Thus passed away two of the worthy and honored pioneer residents of the county. At the time of their arrival, their nearest market was Huron, a distance of sixty-five miles, and thither Mr. Finney took the produce which he raised. He had served as a soldier of the war of 1812, under Captain Harrison. Later he fought the battles of pioneer life, and the struggle with the wilderness was often stern and unfor-bidding, but his determination and perseverance at length enabled him to come off conqueror in the strife. His family numbered six children: Margaret and Mary, deceased; James C.; Agnes, the wife of William Ralston, of Tennessee; Elizabeth, living in Indiana; and Joseph, deceased.

James C. Finney remained at home until after his father's death. In early boyhood he was a pupil in the public schools and when not busy with his text-books worked in the fields, assisting in the difficult task of clearing the land and cultivating the crops. Following his father's demise he took charge of the farm and later purchased thirty-six acres of the old homestead, to which he has since added a tract of ten acres, so that he now has a good farm of forty-six acres. Although other pursuits have at times claimed his attention, he has given his energies mostly to general agricultural work.

In October, 1859, Mr. Finney was married to Elizabeth A. Lindley, who was born in this county in 1834 and is a daughter of Samuel and Sarah Lindley, in whose family were three children: Caroline and William, both now deceased; and Mrs. Finney. Unto our subject and his wife have been born a daughter and son: Clara and Owen, both at home.

Following his marriage, Mr. Finney followed farming for four years and then removed to Mansfield, Ohio, where he was engaged in the machinery business for six months. He then returned to the farm, whereon he now resides. He was also a traveling salesman for four years and then, leaving the road, gave uninterrupted attention to his agricultural pursuits. In 1889 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 27th of February, of that year, her death being the occasion of deep regret to many friends.

The family are all members of the Presbyterian church and have led earnest, consistent Christian lives. Mr. Finney is a republican in politics and though he has never sought nor desired political office, he has served as school director for several years. His interest in the welfare of the community has been manifest in many ways, and his efforts in behalf of public progress have at all times been effective and far-reaching. There are few of the

native sons of Richland county who have so long resided within its borders or have more intimate knowledge of its history than has Mr. Finney, and as a worthy pioneer we gladly present this record of his life to our readers.

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#### WILLIAM H. FOLLIN.

William H. Follin, who carries on general agricultural pursuits on section 2, Washington township, was born in Perry township, Richland county, July 23, 1837, a son of Daniel and Hannah (Ewers) Follin. The father was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, while his demise occurred in this county in 1877, when he had attained the age of eighty years. His wife, whose birth occurred in Fairfax county, Virginia, also passed away in this county in 1858, when fifty-eight years of age. Of the nine children born to this union three survive, namely: John G., who is engaged in the practice of medicine at Plymouth, Illinois; Eden E., who likewise resides in Plymouth, Illinois; and William H., of this review. After the death of his first wife Daniel Follin wedded Miss Rebecca Hirst, by whom he had six children, two dying in infancy. The others are: Charles S., of Perry township; Elmer E., who makes his home in Kansas; Florin A., a lawyer of Cleveland, Ohio; and Mrs. Eleanor Bateman, living in Fredericktown, Ohio. Daniel Follin was one of the earliest settlers of this county, arriving here in 1823, at which time he purchased from the government a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Perry township. Here he resided continuously until the time of his death and was well known and highly respected as a worthy pioneer citizen and progressive agriculturist.

William H. Follin was reared on the old homestead farm and in the winter seasons, when not assisting his father in the work of the fields, attended the public schools. Following the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in Company E, Third Ohio Cavalry, in August, 1861, his patriotic spirit being aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the Union. During the year 1862 he contracted the measles and while the disease was at its height still remained on active duty with his company, on one occasion wading waist deep in ice cold water. He was then discharged on account of disability, and, returning home, was unable to do work of any kind for more than a year. Subsequently he took up the profession of teaching in Jefferson township and in 1867 went to Keokuk county, Iowa, where he taught school until 1878, when he removed to Illinois. In addition to his duties as a pedagogue he was also engaged in buying and selling land, gaining a gratifying and well merited measure of success in this line of activity. In 1902 he returned to Richland county, purchasing seventy-three acres of land which he still owns, while in McDonough county, Illinois, he has a tract of eighty acres. His wife owns the eighty-acre tract on which they reside on section 2, Washington township, and they are numbered among the well known and substantial residents of the community.

In 1865 Mr. Follin was united in marriage to Miss A. J. Fissel, a native of Perry township, and the child born unto them is now deceased. In June,

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1902, Mr. Follin was again married, his second union being with Miss Jane D. Sherrow, whose birth occurred in Tuscarawas county, January 15, 1852, her parents being Ambrose and Jane (Lyon) Sherrow. The father was born May 17, 1814, in Jefferson county, Ohio, while his demise occurred in Jefferson township, Richland county, in February, 1884. His wife was born in Rochester, New York, November 20, 1816, and she passed away in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, January 15, 1852. By her marriage, which was celebrated in Mansfield, Ohio, in 1836, she had six children, of whom Mrs. Follin is the only one now living. The latter had a brother, L. D. Sherrow, who died while serving as a soldier in the Union army from the effects of a wound sustained at the battle of Antietam. After the death of his first wife Ambrose Sherrow was married, on the 15th of August, 1852, to Miss Sarah Ann Jackson, a native of Ashland county, Ohio, her natal day being February 10, 1827, while her death occurred December 21, 1893. Of the five children born of this marriage but one survives—Rufus J., of Richland county. Ambrose Sherrow began farming in Tuscarawas county, where he also bought and sold land, but in October, 1867, removed to Clarke county, Iowa, where he remained for a year, and then lived successively in Ashland county, Ohio, and Knox county, arriving in Jefferson township, Richland county, in 1869, where his death occurred. He bought a number of farms and after improving them disposed of them to good advantage, gaining a high degree of success by reason of his keen discernment and capable management in business affairs. He was a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church for many years and was widely recognized as a prosperous and enterprising resident of this county.

In his political views Mr. Follin is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, with which his wife is also identified. A native son of the county, Mr. Follin has seen this section of the state transformed from an unsettled and unimproved district into one of rich fertility and productiveness, while the privations and hardships incident to life in a pioneer region have given way to all the comforts and conveniences of an advanced civilization.

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#### SAMUEL F. STAMBAUGH.

Samuel F. Stambaugh, who for ten years or more has been engaged in the real-estate business at Shelby, makes a specialty of dealing in farm lands, his sales of property of this character exceeding those of any other real-estate man in the town. He is also abstractor of titles, and pension and patent attorney, being admitted to practice in the interior department through United States courts.

Mr. Stambaugh was born at Blain, Perry county, Pennsylvania, December 10, 1846, his parents being John and Sarah (Foust) Stambaugh, the former a farmer by occupation. The family is of German and French origin

and the original American ancestry came from France in colonial days, settling in Pennsylvania. They were originally from the town of Stambaugh in Alsace, France. George John Heim, the maternal grandfather, was at Valley Forge with Washington during the memorable winter in which the American troops suffered almost untold hardships. Two of his sons became prominent ministers of the Lutheran church, and one of them, the Rev. William Heim, organized churches in Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry and Juniata counties, Pennsylvania, where today the population is seventy-five per cent of Lutheran faith.

Samuel F. Stambaugh was educated in the common schools, in Sherman's Valley Institute and in the National Business College in New York. It was his intention to pursue a law course in the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, but instead of this he came to Shelby immediately after the war, having served in the ambulance department of the Union army, which he joined when but thirteen years of age. After his arrival in Richland county, he entered the law office of Hon. S. S. Bloom as a partner, and handled the outside work of the firm for ten years. He was a cousin of Mr. Bloom, who served in the state legislature for eight years, and who prior to entering the general assembly, conducted the third largest law practice in the county. After he died, Mr. Stambaugh removed to Atchison, Kansas, where for six years, beginning in 1890, he published the Atchison Daily Patriot. On the expiration of that period he returned to Shelby, where he has since engaged in the real-estate business, making a specialty of farm lands, handling more property of this character than any other real-estate agent of the county. He holds an auction of real-estate every Saturday afternoon in the fall and winter months. He also has a good rental list in the city and does a large conveyancing business in city real-estate. He has been the promoter of a number of factories here, and is personally a large real-estate owner in Shelby. His holdings include his home farm, which is all within the corporation limits and from which he has platted thirteen additions. He also does a large abstracting business, and he has been admitted to practice in the department of the interior as pension and patent attorney.

Mr. Stambaugh has never ceased to feel an interest in military affairs since as a boy he enlisted in defense of the Union. He was commander of the Third Troop of Cavalry in the Ohio National Guard for five years, furnishing his own equipment and accoutrements at his personal expense. Because of this service he is frequently addressed as colonel. He is also prominently known in fraternal circles and was deputy supreme commander of the Maccabees of Oklahoma, Kansas and the Indian Territory for several years. He has also been prominent in several other fraternal organizations. In politics he is a stanch democrat and warm personal friend of Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland. He attends nearly every state convention, has to some extent been active in local politics and is a tireless worker in all commendable movements for the upbuilding of the party, but has never sought political preferment. He was, however, without his consent, nominated for the legislature while living at Atchison, Kansas, but was defeated by the negro votes, there being four thousand in the city.

On the 23d of December, 1873, at Shelby, Mr. Stambaugh was married to Miss Mary E. Moore, a graduate of Oberlin College, and a successful teacher in young womanhood. They are the parents of three children: John C., one of the owners and publishers of the Daily Globe of Shelby; Mary Grace, the wife of R. L. Castor, city editor of the Globe; and Luther Earl.

The parents attend the Lutheran church, of which they are members, and Mr. Stambaugh has taken a very active part in the different branches of the church work in past years, and for thirteen years was secretary of the Sunday school. He is a public-spirited citizen, interested in all that pertains to general progress along material, social, intellectual and moral lines, and through his business affairs he has contributed in large measure to the substantial improvement and upbuilding of this section of the county.

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#### MARGARET M. SHEIDLEY.

Margaret M. Sheidley was born August 31, 1838, a mile and a half south of Bellville, Richland county, Ohio. She is the daughter of John and Elizabeth Jane (Huston) LeFevre. On January 3, 1860, she was united in marriage with Henry O. Sheidley at Bellville. To this union were born two children, a daughter and a son: Cora M. and Jay W. Cora married Dr. A. R. Lydy at Bellville. Dr. Lydy was a Richland county boy, but soon after his marriage removed to Chicago, Huron county, where he practiced medicine for a number of years, then conducted a drug store, but is now retired. Jay W. Sheidley married Miss Zomary Rummell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Rummell, of Bellville. J. W. Sheidley is also a resident of Chicago. Dr. and Mrs. Lydy are the parents of two children—Ethel and George. J. W. Sheidley and wife have also had two children, Herbert A. and Jay William, but the younger, Jay William, is now dead.

In about 1897 Henry O. Sheidley and wife removed from Bellville to Chicago, Huron county. Mr. Sheidley prospered and later engaged in the stock-raising business in the southwest, in which he became quite wealthy. He died at his home in Chicago, September 10, 1898, and a large granite monument has since been erected on the family lot in the Bellville cemetery where he is buried.

A few years after Mr. Sheidley's death, his widow erected a large brick hotel at Chicago, one of the best of its class in the state, known as "The Sheidley."

Mrs. Sheidley's grandfather, Minard LeFevre, was born at Strassburg, France. After coming to this country he entered the United States Navy, in which he served seven years. After leaving the navy, he was married at Jersey City, and later moved to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where four of his children were born: John, William, Abraham and Isaac. Mr. LeFevre and family removed to Ohio and settled near Fredericktown, in Knox county, where two more children were born.

John LeFevre, the eldest son of Minard LeFevre, was the father of the subject of this sketch, and was born September 1, 1789. He was first married to Rachel Pheling, and to them were born five children. Mrs. LeFevre died in 1825, and Mr. LeFevre was married in 1826 to Miss Elizabeth Jane Huston, and to them were born the following children: Rebecca, Harriet Pheling, Samuel Donald, James Hamilton, Isabella, Margaret Miller, Charity E., Mary Albina and Jehu Markey.

John LeFevre departed this life September 3, 1856, aged seventy-two years and one month. His widow survived him until December 9, 1880. She was seventy-three years of age at the time of her death.

When John LeFevre came to Jefferson township, Richland county, he located on the Clearfork of the Mohican river, where he built a fine residence and operated a sawmill and a carding machine for a number of years. He was a man of considerable business push and accumulated property. His wife's people—the Hustons—lived in the Honey-creek valley south of Bellville and were well thought of in their day.

Back in the stage-coach days, nearly every ambitious boy aspired to be a stage driver, and James and Thomas Huston attained considerable prominence in that line, driving stages between Mt. Vernon and the Lake. These Huston boys were uncles of Mrs. Sheidley. She is a worthy and consistent member of the Presbyterian church, and has the confidence and esteem of the community in which she lives.

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#### BENJAMIN F. CLINE.

The name of Cline is an old and prominent one in Richland county, for representatives of the family came here at a very early period in its history and have been identified with its agricultural interests from that time to the present. The family was established here by Michael Cline, who came from Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and spent his remaining days in Richland county. His son Jacob Cline entered eighty acres of land from the government, going to Wooster to secure his deed and not having sufficient funds to make full payment left his saddle and bridle to be redeemed upon payment for the land. This deed bears the date 1832 and the signature of President Jackson and is now in possession of our subject, the tract constituting a part of his present homestead property.

The father of our subject, John Cline, was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and came to Richland county with his parents when a lad of thirteen years, his birth having occurred about 1805. At the time of the arrival of the family here much of the land was still in a wild and unsettled condition, the railroads had not yet entered this district, travel was done by ox-teams, and wild game was to be had in abundance. John Cline was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Boyce, who was born in Lincolnshire, England, about 1805, and came with her parents to the United States when but a child. She passed away in Mansfield when about seventy years of age,

while the father died July 3, 1875, when in his seventieth year. Their family numbered twelve children, as follows: Mary, Michael, Isaiah and Margaret, all of whom have passed away; John, a resident of Madison township, Richland county; Jacob, deceased; Joseph, a twin brother of Jacob, and now a resident of Mansfield; Benjamin F., of this review; George, who served in the Civil war and is now a resident of Huron county; Eli, who died at the age of three years; Ezra, who makes his home in Missouri; and Charles, of California.

Benjamin F. Cline, the immediate subject of this sketch, was born April 22, 1840, on a farm about two miles north of Mansfield, situated in Madison township, and resided there with his parents until he had attained his majority, during which time he had been trained to the duties of the home farm, giving his father the benefit of his services. It was about that time in his life that the Civil war was inaugurated and, his patriotic spirit being aroused, he offered his services to the government, enlisting in September, 1861, as a member of Company G, Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He participated in many of the hotly contested engagements, these including Shiloh, Corinth, Liberty Gap, Rocky Face Ridge, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, and he was also with Sherman on his Atlanta campaign, and in the march through the Carolinas. In the battle of Shiloh he received a bullet wound in the left shoulder, after which he spent three weeks in the hospital. Later he was again wounded, being injured in the left foot during the Atlanta campaign, when he was compelled to remain in the hospital for a short period. He veteranized at Knoxville, and returned home on a thirty days' furlough. On the expiration of that period he returned to the field and gave loyal support to the Union cause, serving altogether four years and three months.

Following the close of hostilities Mr. Cline returned to his home, January 1, 1866, and on the 29th of March following he was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Martin, who was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, March 16, 1845, and came to Richland county when nine years of age with her parents, Lansing and Elizabeth (Eversol) Martin, the former a native of Jefferson county, Ohio, and the latter of Harper's Ferry, Virginia. Both were born about 1805 and are now deceased, the mother passing away in 1881, while the father survived until 1896 and passed away at the age of ninety-one years. Mrs. Cline is the youngest of their six children, the other members of the family being: Calvin E., who is now deceased; Jesse, a resident of Richland county; Maria, who has also departed this life; Mrs. Emily Stewart, of Richland county; and Benton, of Mansfield, Ohio.

Following his marriage Mr. Cline located on a tract of rented land situated one mile south of Mansfield, on which he remained for two years. He then removed to another farm four miles north of Mansfield. He then purchased eighty acres of land, which he cultivated for six years, when he sold and rented land for one year. He then purchased one hundred and twenty acres of his present farm, this being located on section 3, Jackson township. He then took up his abode on this farm about 1875. He later added an additional forty acre tract, so that his farm now embraces one hundred and sixty acres.

He has built to and remodeled the house, has erected a nice large barn and has made many other improvements on the place. He is here engaged in general farming and stock-raising, and in his business is meeting with good results, for he ever follows the most modern methods in carrying on his farm work, and uses the latest improved farm machinery to facilitate his labors.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Cline has been blessed with four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Missouri C., the wife of John S. Shatzer, a resident of Richland county; Byron E., who died at the age of seven years and eight months; Zella, at home; and Lloyd Alvin, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. Cline is independent in his political views, voting for men and measures rather than adhering to party ties. He has never been active as an office seeker, preferring to give his undivided time and attention to his private business affairs. He and his family are members of the Christian church at Shelby. There is particular satisfaction in reverting to the life history of the honored and honorable gentleman whose name initiates this review, since his mind bears the impress of the historical annals of the state of Ohio from the early pioneer days, and from the fact that he has been a loyal son of the republic. Born in Richland county, he has retained his residence here throughout his entire life, covering a period of more than sixty-eight years, and he is now numbered among the most esteemed citizens of the community.

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#### ADAM C. HUMMEL.

Since the year 1864 the name of Hummel has been associated with the agricultural life and interests of Richland county and he whose name introduces this review is a representative farmer of Jackson township. Mr. Hummel is a native of Hummelstown, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, born August 15, 1855. His paternal grandfather, Frederick Hummel, owned a large tract of land in Dauphin county and he laid out the town which was named in his honor. He was a prominent factor in the life of that city, filling many public offices and was squire for many years. He spent his entire life there, passing away in 1847, at the age of sixty-two years, for his birth occurred in Dauphin county in 1785. His wife bore the maiden name of Barbara Metzger and their union was blessed with five sons, all of whom reached maturity, the record being as follows: Martin, who was engaged in farming and is now deceased; Adam, who also engaged in agricultural pursuits and has passed away; George, who was a saddler and has departed this life; Jacob M.; and Joseph, who conducted a general store in Hummelstown and is also deceased.

Of this number Jacob M. Hummel became the father of our subject. He was born in Hummelstown, Pennsylvania, March 6, 1818, and was reared on the farm to the age of eighteen years. He then began learning the saddler's trade with his brother George. After completing his trade he opened a saddlery store, which he conducted until 1864, in which year he made his way

to Ohio and purchased eighty acres of land in Madison township, two miles north of Mansfield. After a residence of eight years on that place he disposed of it and bought the southwest quarter on section 12, Jackson township, Richland county, this place being the farm on which our subject now makes his home. In 1885 the father sold the latter property and invested his money in one hundred and seventy-two acres south of Shelby in Sharon township. This tract he leased and made his home in Shelby, purchasing a nice residence at No. 97 East Main street, where he passed away November 24, 1891, when he had reached the age of seventy-three years. He was a life-long republican, casting his first presidential ballot for William Henry Harrison, while his last vote was cast for Benjamin Harrison. He was a member of the First Lutheran church at Shelby, having become identified with the denomination in Hummelstown, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hummel was married in December, 1842, to Miss Elizabeth Heitzler, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, September 14, 1817, a daughter of Christian Heitzler. She survived her husband for a long period, passing away in Shelby, Ohio, July 20, 1905, when she had reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hummel numbered eight children, namely: Barbara, who still resides on the old homestead in Shelby; Elizabeth, who has departed this life; Frederick, deceased; Amelia, the deceased wife of Asa Lewis; Clara, deceased; Adam, who introduces this record; Anson, who follows farming in Sharon township; and Naomi, the wife of J. G. Hill, also of Sharon township.

Adam C. Hummel, whose name introduces this review, was a lad of ten years at the time of the parents' removal from the Keystone state to Richland county, the family home being established on a farm two miles north of Mansfield in Madison township, on the old State road. After a residence of eight years on that farm he removed with his parents to a farm in Jackson township, where he remained until he had reached the age of twenty-four years. He was then married and established a home of his own by his union in 1880 with Miss Jennie Crum, who was born in Franklin township, in 1855, a daughter of John and Catherine (Clay) Crum, both natives of Richland county. The father was born in 1820 and died August 24, 1900, while the mother is still living at the age of eighty years and resides with Mr. and Mrs. Hummel.

Following his marriage Mr. Hummel and his bride began their domestic life upon a farm in Franklin township, situated on the Ganges road. There they made their home for five years, when they removed to their present property, this comprising one hundred and sixty acres. This farm is improved with good buildings, there being two good houses on the place, while substantial outbuildings furnish ample shelter for grain and stock. The place is supplied with good shade trees and everything is kept in a neat and thrifty appearance, indicating the careful supervision of the owner. Mr. Hummel is engaged in general farming and stock-raising and both branches of his business are proving a profitable source of revenue to him.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hummel has been blessed with two daughters. Coy is the wife of Jay Bloom, a resident of Jackson township, and she has two sons, John H. and Glenn C. Mary, the younger daughter, is the wife of Wil-

liam Smith, who occupies one of the houses on her father's farm. She is the mother of two children, Birchfield H. and Helen Mary.

Mr. Hummel's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give support to the republican party. He has never been active as an office seeker, preferring to do his duty as a private citizen. For almost forty-five years he has been prominently identified with the history of Richland county as a representative of its agricultural interests. He is a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment and this, coupled with his executive ability and excellent management, has brought to him the degree of success which he today enjoys.

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#### JOHNSON TAYLOR.

Johnson Taylor, successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits on sections 25 and 26, Sandusky township, was born in Richland county, March 4, 1843. He comes of good old Revolutionary stock, his grandfather having served in the Continental army, while his foster father had his left arm shot off during his service in the war of 1812. His own father, who was a native of Vermont, died when Johnson was but a few months old, but his mother is still living, and now makes her home with him. Her birth occurred in Mansfield in March, 1823, her father publishing a paper there as early as 1823. Her only brother, Baldwin Crosthwaite, was a lieutenant in the Third Ohio Infantry in the Mexican war, and lieutenant colonel of the Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry in the Civil war.

Our subject was adopted by Samuel Taylor when, but an infant and was reared by that gentleman until he was eighteen years of age, acquiring a common-school education. In 1861 he enlisted as a member of Company E, Third Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, and during his three years' term of service participated in several hotly contested engagements, including the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Elk River, Chickamauga and Farmington. On the evening of the day of the battle of Lookout Mountain and while the battle was being fought, the brigade to which Mr. Taylor belonged,—the First, Third and Fourth Ohio Cavalry—crossed the Tennessee river on General Sherman's pontoon bridge, three miles above Chattanooga, and marched around the right flank of the Confederate army, captured a wagon train, and cut all telegraph lines to prevent Bragg from getting word to General Longstreet, recalling him from Knoxville, whither he had gone to attack the place. The command, about one thousand strong, captured and destroyed two wagon trains in the rear of Bragg's army the next day, while the battle of Missionary Ridge was being fought. This same force led Sherman's army to the relief of Knoxville, the latter part of the march from London to Knoxville being a forced march of some seventy-five miles to avoid Longstreet's army, which was besieging the place. The arrival of the force brought the first news to Burnside that Sherman was coming to his relief. Mr. Taylor, with his command, served in the Atlanta campaign, where for one hundred successive



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days there was never a time that firing could not be heard, and a line of bloody clashes from Dalton to Jonesboro, which caused Atlanta to be evacuated.

After being honorably discharged from the service at Columbus, Ohio, in 1864, Mr. Taylor returned to Mansfield, and entered the employ of a railroad company as brakeman. Later he became conductor, and served in that capacity for six years. In 1872 he purchased a farm of eighty acres, and since added to it until he has one hundred and thirty acres on sections 25 and 26, Sandusky township, Richland county, where he has since made his home, and successfully carried on farming interests. He has placed many substantial improvements on his property, and also planted fruit trees of all kinds, which add not a little to the attractive appearance of the farm. He makes a specialty of raising blooded stock of various kinds, and in all of his undertakings has gained that measure of prosperity which is always the reward of earnest and persistent labor, guided by sound judgment.

On the 2d of April, 1868, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Cole, who was born in Knox county, Ohio. Her father, whose birth occurred in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1820, passed away on the 17th of February, 1899, while her mother, who was born in Ohio, was called to her final rest in 1901. Their family numbered seven children, namely: Sadie, who makes her home in Mansfield; Mrs. Taylor; Headley, who is a railroad engineer residing in Kentucky; Maggie, the wife of William Eggert, of Mansfield, Ohio; Robert, who resides in Toledo, Ohio; Jennie, deceased; and W. R., who is a railroad engineer at Panama. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have been born five children: Norton, who is a railroad employe at Galion, Ohio; Laverne, who is engaged in the implement business at Galion, Ohio; J. L., who is connected with a lightning rod enterprise at Galion; Nellie V., the wife of F. B. Logan, a railroad engineer at Crestline, Ohio; and Clyde H., who is operating the home farm.

Mr. Taylor has served as justice of the peace for several years, and has likewise acted as trustee for several years. For almost two-thirds of a century he has now made his home here, so that his interests are thoroughly identified with those of Richland county, and at all times he is ready to lend his aid and cooperation to any movement calculated to benefit this section of the country or advance its wonderful development.

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#### ROBERT BRUCE McCRRORY.

Robert Bruce McCrrory, a man of forceful purpose, clear of vision, strong in resolution and unfaltering in carrying out a plan which he believes will prove beneficial to himself in legitimate business lines or will further the interests of the city, has since 1847 made his home in Mansfield, where his work will long remain as a monument to his memory. The youngest of seven children born to Samuel and Mary Jane (Hufford) McCrrory, he is a native of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, his natal day being February 13, 1844. His father's birth occurred at Falling Springs, Pennsylvania, near Chambersburg,

while the mother was born at Fredericksburg, Virginia. They lost one son in infancy and with their other six children they removed from Chambersburg to Mansfield, Ohio, in the year 1847, making the journey by wagon.

The Mansfield of today bears little resemblance to the town in which Robert B. McCrory arrived in the year 1847, then a little lad of three years. He began his education in a frame building opposite what was then the Methodist church, on Park avenue East and Adams street, Robert Bently Smith being the first teacher. He was afterward instructed by Mrs. Oswalt in the old school building on Mullberry and Second streets and later attended school in the Race building on South Main street, where Mr. Gass and R. Bently Smith taught. He completed his education in the high school building at Mullberry and Second streets under the teaching of Mrs. Catlin, Miss Brinkerhoff, Mrs. Reed and Miss Parsons, and at the graduating exercises of 1862 delivered an oration on the subject, "Dissolve the Union."

Entering upon his business career Mr. McCrory was employed as a clerk in the drug store of Hendrie & Bunce, occupying a frame building where the Swigart building now stands on Main street. On the 2d of May, 1864, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations and joined Company A of the One Hundred and Sixty-third Ohio National Guard under Captain R. L. Avery, William B. Niman as first lieutenant, and John Kern as second lieutenant. Mr. McCrory was mustered in at Columbus, Ohio, May 12, 1864, and was in service at Tennenletown, Virginia, near the chain bridge in the vicinity of Washington, and in May was ordered to the front to join Grant's army at Whitehouse Landing on the York river. The troops proceeded by boat down the Potomac, across Chesapeake Bay to York river and thence up to Whitehouse Landing. They were then ordered by General Grant to report to General B. F. Butler at Point of Rocks in front of Petersburg and Richmond. Later they returned down the York to Chesapeake Bay, where they saw protruding from the water the masts of the Union warships which had been sunk a short time before by the Confederate ironclad, Merrimac. From that point Mr. McCrory went with his company up the James and Pamunky to Point of Rocks, within sight of Petersburg, and was stationed on a bluff about one hundred feet above the river, behind the strongest works built during the war, extending from the James to the Pamunky river, six miles in length. Mr. McCrory's company camped in a second growth pine grove, which was shelled by the Confederates every day. They were called out every morning before daylight to repel the attacks of the enemy and they took part in the destruction of the Richmond & Petersburg Railroad. The One Hundred and Sixty-third Ohio was also held as guard for the sappers and miners engaged in tearing up the road. The commander, Colonel Hiram Miller, not liking to see his men idle, started a drill in a fifty-acre cornfield, with Confederates on three sides, and came near being captured by the rebels. During the remainder of their service the members of the regiment lay at Fort Powhatan on the James river, about twenty miles below Richmond, and while there many suffered from illness, while many others died. The swampy condition around the camp made malaria very prevalent and hundreds of the troops were taken to the hospital at Hampton Roads, the death of Captain

Avery occurring while he was being taken home on a boat down the James. Out of about one hundred men in the company there were only about fifteen left on duty and they were the youngest members. This number included Mr. McCrory, who was honorably discharged at Columbus, Ohio, on the 10th of September, 1864. After being mustered out of service Mr. McCrory was in the employ of the Atlantic & Great Western Railway Company as brakeman and fireman for some months, and then went with his parents and family to a farm in Weller township, Richland county, where he remained three years. Leaving the farm in 1868, he took up the study of law in the office of Burns & Dickey at Mansfield, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar at Mansfield by the district court June 21, 1870. Forming a partnership with A. R. Scheble, a fellow-student, he opened an office at Mansfield, Ohio, and when Mr. Scheble removed to Bryan, Ohio, about a year later Mr. McCrory formed a partnership with I. S. Donnell. In 1871 he was elected prosecuting attorney and was re-elected in 1873, serving four years in that office. While the incumbent his rigorous prosecution led to the conviction of criminals, many of whom were sent to the penitentiary, while Judge Moses R. Dickey, who was then on the bench and had no sympathy with crime or criminals, generally gave all offenders the limit of the law, making Richland county in a large measure a law-abiding district. At that time the prosecuting attorney received the munificent salary of five hundred and thirty-five dollars per year and had from two to four weeks' criminal court every term in common pleas and from one to two weeks every three months in the probate court, so that it may readily be seen that the salary the prosecuting attorney received was very low.

Throughout his official career Mr. McCrory has made a most excellent record, characterized not only by the utmost fidelity to duty but also marked capability in discharging the tasks that have devolved upon him. In 1879 he was elected to represent his district in the Ohio legislature and was re-elected in 1881. While a member of the house he introduced an act for the building of a Reformatory by the state, and the institution at Mansfield, one of the best of that character in the entire country, is the outgrowth of that act. Mr. McCrory also presented for adoption an amendment to the constitution of the state for the purpose of propagating and protecting woodland by exemption from taxation of a certain portion of the same, but this was defeated by the farmer members of the house. In 1887 and again in 1889 Mr. McCrory was elected mayor of Mansfield, serving for four years at that time, and in 1895 was again elected for a two years' term. For some years the water supply of Mansfield had been so foul and scant that the whole city was suffering therefrom, but the trustees of the water works would not do anything in the matter but theorize. Owing to this condition the water works committee of the city council, associated with Mr. McCrory, thoroughly investigated the matter by visiting the different springs and sources of water supply, and at length, through Mr. McCrory's insistence, a large well was sunk at the Stocking reservoir and a flow of water was struck at a depth of about one hundred and eighty feet, the flow being so strong that it could not be measured. The wise trustees of the water works sat looking on in wonder and one of their number said that the water flowed in the reservoir, went down and came up through the

well. However, all Mansfield must now acknowledge that this well has furnished the city with ninety-eight per cent pure water in an inexhaustible supply since that time. The money to drill this well was taken from the city's general fund by a unanimous vote of the council under a resolution by Mr. Forney, the trustees of the water works refusing to appropriate money for the work. The well was drilled by William Harmon, of Tiffin, Ohio, and by resolution of the city council Mr. McCrory was appointed to superintend the work. Mansfield was thus saved a water famine. Mr. McCrory considers this his monument to the city—the first monument of water ever erected to the memory of man since Moses smote the rock in the Wilderness. While acting as chief executive of the city the cornerstone of the Reformatory was laid and he took part in the exercises on that occasion. He was also on the program when Hineman park was dedicated and had the honor and pleasure of delivering the opening address and introducing Senator Sherman and General Brinkerhoff, as orators of the occasion, to the immense audience. As mayor, Mr. McCrory had appointed General Brinkerhoff, Martin B. Bushnell and Henry M. Weaver as park commissioners, and the wisdom of his choice and their fitness for the position have been demonstrated in the fact that they have been reappointed by every mayor since that time and are yet serving faithfully and efficiently, while year by year they have added beauty to nature's gifts and the park has become second to none in Ohio.

On the 23d of September, 1907, Mr. McCrory was happily married to Jennie Wigle. He is well known socially as well as in his professional and official relations in Mansfield and has a very extensive circle of friends in the city and throughout the state. His time is now devoted to the practice of law and to active cooperation, as a private citizen, in many movements for the public good. The more progressive element in Mansfield's citizenship have always recognized the efficiency of his labors in behalf of public progress, while the more conservative have been compelled to see, understand and appreciate what he has done for the city. His name is now inseparably linked with its history. He is a product of its public schools, an exponent of its business interests, an upholder of its legal and political status and a champion of all that tends to promote its welfare.

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#### WILLIAM C. LOCKHART.

No history of Bellville would be complete without extended and specific mention of William C. Lockhart, one of the native sons of the town, whose entire career reflects credit and honor upon the community in which he was reared and now makes his home. He was born June 19, 1844, of the marriage of Benjamin and Suretta (Zimmerman) Lockhart.

The father went to California in 1849, spending several years on the Pacific coast, after which he rejoined his family in Bellville, Ohio. Later he went to New York city, where he was engaged in merchandising, but because of family ties he returned to Bellville, where he read law. His life was ever

characterized by high ideals and honorable motives. In early manhood he united with the Christian church and became a member of its ministry about 1855. He devoted much of his time and attention to the work of the church from that time until his death in 1894, laboring largely in the evangelistic field in Ohio and in Missouri. During his ministry in Ohio he baptized more people by immersion than any other minister ever did in the same number of years. There are members of the Christian church in Mansfield today who were baptized by the Rev. Mr. Lockhart and who hold his memory in high regard. He was a fine singer, a fluent speaker and wherever he went drew large audiences. His political views were pronounced and he was a warm friend of the late Senator Sherman and frequently accompanied him on campaign tours, addressing the people from the party platforms upon the issues and questions of the day, which he presented with a clearness and force that won many adherents to the cause. In 1863 he removed to Missouri, where his remaining days were passed. He served for two terms in the state legislature.

William C. Lockhart spent his boyhood and youth in the town of his nativity, where various duties and pleasures engrossed his time and attention. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges and at the age of eighteen years he enlisted in defense of the old flag, joining the Union army for three years on the 9th of August, 1862, under command of Captain A. W. Loback in Company E of the One Hundred and Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served his country faithfully throughout the period of hostilities, standing side by side with his comrades, many of whom he had known from boyhood, for the company was raised at Bellville and the regiment was organized at Mansfield. From the latter point they proceeded by rail to Covington, where they arrived September 4, 1862, and there engaged in defending the city against the forces under General Kirby Smith. After two weeks the regiment proceeded to Louisville, Kentucky, and participated in the defense of that city against General Bragg, after which they joined in the pursuit of Bragg's army. On the 21st of September, 1863, they arrived at Nashville, where they remained for about six months. On the 26th of April, 1864, the One Hundred and Second Ohio was transferred to Tullahoma, Tennessee, where it guarded the railroad from Normandy to Decherd until the 6th of June. The regiment then moved across the Cumberland mountains to Bellefonte, Alabama, and continued its march to Dodsonville, where it was employed on the defense of the line of the Tennessee river for a distance of fifty miles. During the summer of 1864 the regiment had frequent engagements with the enemy. On the 23d of September about four hundred men of the regiment were sent to reinforce the fort at Athens and on the 24th lost a large number of men, killed and wounded, while the remainder were captured and sent to Cahaba prison. After being paroled the prisoners were placed on board the ill-fated steamer Sultana and, as near as can be ascertained, seventy of that number perished in that disaster, Mr. Lockhart being one of the few survivors.

He was one of the soldiers imprisoned at Cahaba, Alabama, where he was confined from September, 1864, until April, 1865, meeting all of the hard-

ships of southern prison life. The rations at Cahaba consisted of a pint of cornmeal and five ounces of beef daily, and sometimes two spoonfuls of beans were added to the fare. The cornmeal was made by grinding cob as well as grain.

His experience in the Sultana disaster was a most frightful one and has been told in the following words: "The Sultana was a regular passenger packet, plying between New Orleans and St. Louis, and upon the trip when this disaster occurred was overloaded, having on board a hundred cabin passengers, two companies of infantry under arms and a crew of eighty men, in addition to the twenty-two hundred paroled prisoners, making about twenty-six hundred persons in all. This was the greatest number a Mississippi boat had ever attempted to carry. The steamer was also heavily freighted with merchandise. The paroled prisoners were en route to Camp Chase at Columbus, Ohio, for final discharge. They had been confined in Cahaba and other prison pens for many months and were out of health from long confinement, exposure and want of proper food. The war was over and they were on their homeward journey and expected to soon be in their beloved Northland and in the home circle of their friends. After repairing a boiler and taking on the paroled prisoners at Vicksburg, the Sultana resumed its trip up the river and arrived safely at Memphis, where a stop of several hours was made to unload some freight and take on some coal. Soon after midnight the boat again proceeded up the river and about two hours later—on the morning of the 27th—when about eight miles above Memphis, one of the boilers exploded and the vessel was soon aflame and in a short time was burned to the water's edge. Hundreds of men were thrown into the river by the explosion and others jumped into the water to escape the steam and fire. The majority of those who remained on board perished in the flames. The cries of the injured and the groans of the dying could be heard above the roar of the conflagration. At the time of the catastrophe Mr. Lockhart was lying asleep with some of his Bellville comrades upon the upper deck.

"In narrating his experience he says the first he knew that anything had happened he was thrown by the explosion to the stern end of the boat and was trying to get his breath and didn't know what had occurred. Soon realizing that a terrible accident had befallen the steamer, he started forward to find his Bellville comrades. The first one he met was Lash Holtom and he saw by the light of the burning boat that Holtom had been injured in the face, one side of which was covered with blood. Holtom remarked that he could not swim and did not know what to do to save himself. They were joined by Jacob Irons and Jacob Byerly, other Bellville men, and they arranged to keep together. Lockhart suggested that they try to get a gang-plank, push it off and all get on and try to help each other. They started forward for the front end of the boat to get down to the lower deck and when they got just beyond the wheelhouse the deck gave way and all dropped with it. Lockhart, who was near the side of the boat, caught hold of the steps and pulled himself up, after being considerably burned about the face and hands and his hair singed off. Holtom, Irons and Byerly went down into the burning pit and Lockhart, clinging to the stairs, saw his three Bellville comrades perish in the flames.

His clothing being on fire, he drew up water in a deck bucket and threw it over himself. The reason he did not jump overboard was because hundreds of people were in the river, in bunches of ten, twenty or thirty, holding to each other and then sinking in a bunch. Lockhart finally climbed to the top of the wheelhouse, where he stood and gazed at the awful spectacle about him. He saw

“ ‘Out on the river’s rolling tide,  
Out from the steamer’s burning side,  
Out where the circle was growing wide  
Men battling with the waves;  
And drowning, they each other clasped,  
And wreathing in death’s closing grasp  
They struggle bravely, but at last  
Sink to watery graves.’

“Mr. Lockhart knew not what to do. The fire was raging and his position could be held but a few moments longer. To remain he would soon be consumed by the flames, as his comrades had been. To jump into the river, he would be seized by the struggling, agonizing mass of drowning men and would be carried under the water with them. Fate soon decided the matter for him. The wheelhouse burned off and in falling into the river threw Lockhart out beyond the reach of those who were struggling in the water. Being an expert swimmer, he struck out, not knowing which way to reach the shore. After drifting some distance he saw a man floating who had two shutters. Upon reaching him Lockhart found that the man’s head was under the water and that he was dead. Lockhart secured the shutters and was thus enabled to swim and float until he reached a cottonwood tree, about six miles below where the disaster had occurred. There was a freshet and the Mississippi had overflowed its banks and was from ten to twenty miles wide at that time. Lockhart had drifted toward the Arkansas shore and the cottonwood tree was upon the overflowed land. He was enabled to regain his hold in the branches of the tree until rescued the next morning, after having been in the water seven hours. Of the twenty-five men in Mr. Lockhart’s squad, twenty-two perished and today he is the only one left of the three survivors. The total loss of those on board the Sultana was between eighteen hundred and two thousand persons.”

When Mr. Lockhart was at the front his family had removed to Missouri and there he resided for a number of years after the war, prospering in his business undertakings there. He was married September 26, 1865, to Miss Mary Katharine Moody, a daughter of Captain Miller and Eliza (Kenton) Moody, of Bellville, Ohio. Her paternal grandfather was the Rev. John Moody, a minister of the Christian church, who advocated the doctrine of Alexander Campbell that “the Bible should be the whole creed of the church.” The Rev. Moody was a man of philanthropic spirit, whose life was filled with many good deeds. Liberally educated, Captain Miller Moody was graduated from Kenyon College, possessed the aristocracy of worth and stood as a man among men. His fellow townsmen, appreciating his ability and his loyalty to the public good, elected him as their representative in the state legislature and at the outbreak of the Civil war he raised a company at Bellville in response

to President Lincoln's first call for troops. He did duty under General McClellan in West Virginia and at the close of his first term of enlistment he joined the Fifty-ninth New York Infantry for three years' service and was chosen the captain of his company. He was wounded at the battle of Antietam, his death resulting two weeks later, after which his remains were brought back for interment in the Bellville cemetery. He had married Eliza Kenton, the daughter of a soldier of two wars, who now rests beside her husband.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart resided in Missouri for many years and in the conduct of his business affairs he won gratifying success. A few years ago, however, he returned to Bellville to reside with his uncle, Aaron Lockhart, who was then in declining health and advanced years. Mr. Lockhart is now spending his days amid the associations and friends of his childhood in well earned ease. In all life's relations he has been faithful to the duties that have come to him day after day and he receives and enjoys the respect and honor of his fellow citizens.

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#### CALEB BEVIER.

It is with pleasure that we present to our readers the life record of Caleb Bevier, who for almost seventy years was a resident of this county. It seems scarcely possible as one visits the enterprising towns and cities and drives abroad among the well cultivated farms with their handsome and substantial residences and modern improvements, that at the time of Mr. Bevier's arrival here only a few settlements had been made in the forests to indicate that the seeds of civilization had been planted. An occasional log cabin gave evidence that some courageous pioneer was braving the hardships and trials of frontier life in his efforts to secure a home. Many wild animals roamed in the forests and wild game of all kinds was to be had in abundance. It was into such an environment that Caleb Bevier was brought when four years of age by his parents, Andrus and Elizabeth (Elston) Bevier, who were natives of Cayuga county, New York, the former born August 22, 1797, and the latter August 5, 1801. They remained residents of this county from the time of their arrival in 1824 until they were called to their final rest. The father died on the original home farm in Cass township, February 27, 1846, while his wife passed away in Plymouth township, January 24, 1880, at the advanced age of seventy-eight years. They were the parents of twelve children, seven sons and five daughters.

Caleb Bevier, the oldest of the family, was born in Owasco, Cayuga county, New York, June 12, 1820, and reared on the old home farm in Cass township, near Shiloh, his father having there entered one hundred and sixty acres of timber land on which a small cabin had previously been built. He built a stick chimney to the cabin and made the little place as comfortable as he could for his family. As Caleb Bevier grew to manhood he assisted more and more largely in the work of the farm, bearing his full share in the arduous task of clearing away the forest, grubbing up the stumps and preparing the fields for



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the plow. After his marriage he came to his present farm, purchased eighty acres of timber land in Plymouth township. His original home was a little one-room cabin. When the eighty acres had been cleared and brought under cultivation he afterward purchased eighty acres adjoining, which had been partially cleared. It is upon the latter tract that his home now stands, the residence having been erected in 1863. He extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchases and is now the owner of two hundred acres of land, on which are two sets of good farm buildings. Throughout his entire life Mr. Bevier carried on general agricultural pursuits and was one of the representative farmers of the community.

On the 8th of March, 1845, Mr. Bevier was married to Miss Cornelia Brinkerhoff, who was born in Owasco, Cayuga county, New York, October 17, 1820. She died June 22, 1880, upon the old home farm in Plymouth township. When sixteen years of age she had become a resident of Huron county, Ohio, in company with her parents, Henry R. and Sarah (Swartwaut) Brinkerhoff, who were natives of New York and New Jersey, respectively. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bevier were born nine children: Martha, Mary, Henry A. and Sarah, all of whom are yet living on the old home farm; Jackson, a resident of Plymouth township; Roeliff C., who is living near Tyrol in Crawford county; Abraham, who died at the age of five years; Helen, who died at the age of three years; and Isabelle, who is professor of domestic science in the State University at Urbana, Illinois.

The death of the husband and father occurred January 20, 1893, after a residence of almost seventy years in this county. He was active in the political and religious work of the community, was a stalwart advocate of the republican party, voting for Fremont in 1856 and for each presidential candidate until called to his final rest. He served as township treasurer and was also justice of the peace for many years, giving loyal support to the cause of law and order in the fair and impartial decisions which he rendered. In early life he held membership in the Presbyterian church, in which he was an elder, and later became a member of the Lutheran church, and at all times was an earnest and consistent Christian man.

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#### AMOS KIRKWOOD.

Amos Kirkwood, who is practically living retired in Olivesburg, was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, June 15, 1838, his parents being Charles and Elizabeth (Eckman) Kirkwood, both natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, the former born in 1809, and the latter on April 20, 1813. They were married in the Keystone state, and there the father carried on agricultural pursuits until 1834, when he removed to Columbiana county, Ohio, where he purchased a farm.

In 1841 the father came to Richland county, purchasing the farm west of Olivesburg, on which his widow now resides. The place originally comprised one hundred and sixty acres, but Mr. Kirkwood kept adding to his

property until at the time of his death, in 1892, he owned three hundred acres in the home farm and six hundred acres in Guthrie county, Iowa. In his political views he was a democrat, but never held office, as this would have been contrary to the teachings of the New Mennonite church, of which he was a faithful member. He had a family of twelve children, namely: Amos, of this review; Susan, the wife of P. J. Long, of Nebraska; Mary, who is the widow of Thomas Henry and now resides with her mother; Joshua M. and Ross, both living in Guthrie county, Iowa; Abner, who also makes his home with his mother; Wesley, of Olivesburg; and five who are deceased. Although now more than ninety-five years of age, the mother of these children still retains all her faculties, and is a remarkably well preserved woman.

Amos Kirkwood was but three years old when brought by his parents to Richland county, and here he obtained his education during the winter seasons. On the 7th of June, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of Company G, Twenty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and during his three years' term participated in a number of battles and skirmishes, but was fortunate in that he was never wounded. Returning home with a creditable military record, he subsequently became connected with the wagon-maker's trade, which he had learned when nineteen years of age and which he successfully followed for fifteen years. In June, 1865, he went to Salem Center, Indiana, and there resided until the fall of 1871, when he returned to Olivesburg, Ohio. Here he took up the carpenter's trade, as the introduction of machinery had made his former vocation unremunerative. For the past twelve years, however, he has lived practically retired, though he still retains his shop and does odd jobs, for idleness is entirely foreign to his nature. In addition to his shop he owns a nice property, and is well known and highly esteemed as one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of the community.

In his political views Mr. Kirkwood is a stalwart republican and while residing in Indiana served as township trustee. He also acted in the same capacity here, and for twelve years was justice of the peace, his decisions ever being strictly fair and impartial. He is a well read man, keeping thoroughly informed on all topics of general interest and giving his active cooperation to every movement and measure instituted for the public weal.

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#### S. P. CARL.

S. P. Carl well deserves mention in a history of the farming interests of Richland county, for through the force of his own character, capable management and keen discrimination he has gained a place among the substantial agriculturists of the community, although he has met many difficulties and obstacles on the journey of life. He was born in Madisonburg, Wayne county, Ohio, July 4, 1852, his parents being George and Christina (Wetzel) Carl, both of whom were natives of Germany, the mother's birth having occurred in Wurtemberg. The father came to the United States in the '40s and settled at Madisonburg, Wayne county, Ohio. He had previously learned the sad-

dler's and harnessmaker's trade in his native country during his boyhood and he followed that pursuit there until his emigration to the new world. After coming to Ohio he conducted a hotel and also carried on a harness shop in Madisonburg for sixteen years, but in 1856 he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, in which he continued until his death in 1904. His life was one of unceasing toil and industry, and his indefatigable perseverance and well directed labor brought him a comfortable living. He long survived his wife, who passed away March 28, 1876.

They were the parents of eleven children, namely: Alexander and George, who are partners in the conduct of a hardware business in Shreve, Wayne county, Ohio; Caroline and Emeline, both of whom are deceased; S. P., of this review; Elizabeth and Clara, who have also passed away; Brada, who is engaged in the hardware business in Jeromeville, Ashland county, this state; Edward, who makes his home in Colorado; William, who is junior member of the firm of Carl Brothers, engaged in the hardware business at Shreve, Ohio; and one who died in infancy.

S. P. Carl was educated in the district schools and in a select school at Shreve, Ohio. In his youth he became familiar with the labors of the farm, as he assisted his father in tilling the soil and caring for the crops. Throughout his entire life he has carried on general agricultural pursuits. Twenty-five years ago he came to Richland county and purchased one hundred acres of land in Madison township, which he still owns and operates. When he bought this farm it was entirely unimproved and in its midst stood a little log cabin with the usual accompaniments in the way of other buildings and improvements. With characteristic energy he began the further development of the farm, erected a commodious residence and subsequently put up substantial barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. As the years have passed he has kept persistently at work in improving his place until it compares very favorably with other farms in the vicinity of Mansfield and its owner is looked upon as one of Richland county's substantial agriculturists. Although he has faced adverse circumstances in life, Mr. Carl has been prosperous and has accumulated a competence sufficient to enable him to enjoy life, if he so desires, without further recourse to labor. He has made judicious and profitable investments in real estate and his property interests now include five residences in the city of Mansfield.

Mr. Carl was married in 1874 to Miss Caroline Smith, then a resident of Ashland county, Ohio, and unto this marriage have been born eight children, as follows: Ella, the wife of Jacob Mottayau, a farmer in Willow township, Richland county; Clarence, who wedded Irene Alleman, who is engaged in the hardware business in Jeromeville, Ashland county; Lottie, the wife of Orville Dixon, a farmer of Franklin township, Richland county; Bertha, the wife of Roy Blizzard, a liveryman of Mansfield; Walter, who married Hall Fletcher and is acting as cashier of the bank at Jeromeville, Ohio; Roy, who is in the employ of the Oliver Chilled Plow Company at Mansfield; and Stella and Harland, at home.

The parents are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church and are active and helpful workers in the church, doing much to promote its growth

and extend its influence. Mr. Carl votes with the democratic party but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. He prefers to give his attention to his business affairs and as the years have gone by he has met with signal prosperity in his undertakings.

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#### DAVID J. McCREADY.

The fitting reward of a well spent life is a period of rest in which to enjoy the fruits of former toil and this has been vouchsafed David J. McCready, who for a long period was actively connected with agricultural interests in Richland county. He worked diligently year after year until his labors have brought him sufficient capital to enable him to put aside active business cares and yet enjoy all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. He is now living in Butler.

His birth occurred in Washington county, Pennsylvania, November 13, 1842, his parents being William and Elizabeth (Douglas) McCready. The father, also a native of Washington county, was born April 14, 1804, and having arrived at years of maturity he was married in Pennsylvania to Miss Elizabeth Douglas, whose birth occurred in Washington county on the 9th of November, 1804, there being only about six months' difference in their ages. They lived in the east until 1859, when they removed to Ohio, settling in Washington township, Richland county, where the father rented land and then carried on farming for a number of years. Living economically and industriously, he at length saved a sum sufficient to enable him to purchase a small farm and upon that place he and his wife spent their remaining days. They were both consistent members of the Presbyterian church and enjoyed to the fullest extent the good will and friendship of all with whom they came in contact. Mr. McCready died in 1874 and his wife passed away in October, 1876. They were the parents of eight children, of whom four are yet living: John, a resident of Nebraska; Mrs. Elizabeth Pollock, whose home is in Washington township; David J.; and Mrs. Amanda Byerly, of Butler. Those who have passed away are Rebecca, Sarah Ann, William and Mary.

David J. McCready spent the first seventeen years of his life in the county of his nativity and then came with his parents to Richland county. Through the medium of the public schools, which he attended in the winter seasons, he acquired his education and in the work of the farm he assisted largely so that practical experience had well qualified him for the duties of the fields when he started out in business life on his own account.

In 1864, when a young man of twenty-one years, he offered his services to the government in defense of the Union, enlisting as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Sixty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He thus served until the close of the war and met many of the hardships which fall to the lot of the soldier. He took part in a number of hotly contested engagements and the long hard marches, but never faltered in the performance of any duty for the protection of Union interests.

Following the war Mr. McCready returned to Richland county, took up the occupation of farming and soon made arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage on the 31st of October, 1867, to Miss Samantha Pollock, who was born in Washington township, February 9, 1842. She is a daughter of Thomas and Mary E. (Morrell) Pollock. Her father was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, November 15, 1801, and the mother's birth occurred in Huntingdon county of the same state on the 3d of February, 1801. They were married on the 1st of April, 1824, but in the meantime—in 1818—Thomas Pollock had come to Richland county with his parents. Mrs. Pollock had removed to Beaver county, Pennsylvania, with her parents when a little maiden of nine years and there remained until after the close of the war of 1812, when they removed to the mouth of Block river, near Cleveland. The family home was maintained at that place until 1822, when they came to Richland county. While living on Block river Mrs. Pollock washed four pocket handkerchiefs for President Monroe, who with General Lewis Cass, R. M. Johnson and others were making a trip of inspection to the then northwest. President Monroe gave her fifty cents for this work and she kept the piece of money for years. She had a brother who was a soldier in the war of 1812, as was her father. As stated, it was in Richland county that Mr. and Mrs. Pollock were married and here they spent their remaining days, becoming well known as respected and representative farming people of this part of the state. The former died in Washington township, August 27, 1881, and the latter on the 27th of April, 1880. There was only a few months difference in their ages and but a few months difference in the time of their death. They had traveled life's journey together for about fifty-six years, their mutual love and confidence increasing as the days passed by. Their family numbered ten children, three of whom are yet living: Andrew, now a resident of Delaware, Ohio; James, whose home is in Madison township; and Mrs. McCready. Those who have passed away are William, Elizabeth, Joseph, Caroline, John, Milton, and Laban. The home of Mr. and Mrs. McCready has been blessed with four children: Orton M., James T., and L. W., all of Butler; and Eva A., at home.

Immediately after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. McCready began farming in Washington township and as his financial resources did not permit him to purchase land, he rented a farm for several years or until 1874. As a careful expenditure in the meantime had brought him a sum sufficient to justify his purchase of fifty-two acres of land, he took up his abode thereon and made the place his home for many years, or until the fall of 1906, when he rented his farm and came to Butler, where he and his wife are now living. Mrs. McCready has always been an able assistant and helpmate to her husband and they both deserve the rest from the arduous work of the farm which they are now enjoying. Both are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. McCready exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. He has lived in this county during the greater part of his life and has witnessed its growth for almost half a century. He has proved how effective are the qualities of unfaltering perseverance and persistent energy in achieving success, for it has been along these lines that he

has won his present place among the men of affluence of the community. The business methods he has employed have ever been such as have gained for him the trust and confidence of those with whom he has been associated, and he is justly accounted one of the respected residents of Butler.

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#### HARVEY IMHOFF.

Harvey Imhoff, who has been superintendent of the county poor farm since 1906, was born in Ashland county, Ohio, January 2, 1870, his parents being Jacob and Elizabeth (Gates) Imhoff, who were natives of Ashland, Ohio. The father passed away in March, 1905, but the mother is still living in this county. Their family numbered eight children, namely: John W., of Ashland county, Ohio; Adella, deceased; William H., a resident of Shelby, Ohio; Harvey, of this review; Jennie, who resides in Ashland, Ohio; Fannie, who is also deceased; Alice, who makes her home in Ashland, Ohio; and Bessie, the wife of William Remy, of Richland county.

Harvey Imhoff acquired a common-school education and when he had reached the age of sixteen years began working as a farm hand, being thus employed by the same man for six years. He then rented this man's farm for four years, and for the succeeding seven years engaged in the operation of another tract of land which he rented. Subsequently he took charge of the county infirmary in 1906 and has thus been identified with this institution to the present time, having always more than one hundred inmates under his care.

In 1892 Mr. Imhoff was united in marriage to Miss Alice Wolfe, a native of Weller township, Richland county. Her mother passed away in 1904, but her father is still living in Ashland, Ohio. Unto our subject and his wife have been born two sons, Roscoe E. and Carl.

Politically Mr. Imhoff is a democrat and has served as school director for six years. Fraternally he is a Mason, being a member of the Blue lodge at Mansfield, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, with which his wife is also identified. They are well known and highly respected residents of the community and have gained an extensive circle of warm friends here.

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#### WILLIAM M. HAWK.

William M. Hawk is a representative of one of the old and well known families of Richland county. His birth occurred about one and a half miles south of Shelby on the 26th of March, 1865, he being the eldest of the six children of Jacob and Sarah Hawk, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. He now lives on section 20, Sharon township, where he is actively and successfully engaged in general farming. During his infancy he

was taken by his parents to the farm on which he now resides and throughout his entire life he has been connected with the tilling of the soil. He now has ninety-six acres belonging to his father which he cultivates and in the spring of 1908 he purchased fifty-two acres of land in Jackson township. This, however, he now rents while he operates the farm belonging to his father. In all his business affairs he displays keen enterprise and untiring energy, and that his farming interests are well managed is indicated by the generous harvests which he annually gathers. He has also been a stockholder in the Independent Telephone Company since its organization and is likewise financially interested in the canning factory at Shelby.

On the 16th of September, 1891, Mr. Hawk was married to Miss Ella H. Stone, who was born in Crawford county, August 27, 1864, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Dickson) Stone. In 1898 Mr. Hawk was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 12th of September in that year, leaving a little son, William Harold, who was born April 2, 1898. On the 15th of November, 1899, Mr. Hawk was again married, his second union being with Florence C. Hartman, who was born in Jackson township, this county, November 20, 1865, and is a daughter of John F. and Louise (Kuhn) Hartman. There is one daughter by the second marriage, Sarah Louise, born October 15, 1900.

In his political views Mr. Hawk is an earnest republican, never faltering in his support of the party. He has been a lifelong member of the Reformed church, is active in its work and loyal to its interests. For eight years he filled the office of deacon and for seven years has been an elder of the church. His life is upright in its purpose, manly in its conduct, and wherever he is known Mr. Hawk receives the respect that is always accorded to genuine worth in every land and clime.

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#### STEVENSON E. WARD.

Stevenson E. Ward, the efficient and popular cashier of the Bank of Mansfield, was born in this city July 22, 1879. His father, M. D. Ward, also a native of Richland county, was formerly cashier of the Bank of Mansfield, but is now secretary of the Mechanics' Building & Loan Association, which position he has held for twenty years. He wedded Mary Stevenson, and further mention of him is made on another page of this work.

Stevenson E. Ward was graduated from the Mansfield high school in the year 1898 and subsequently attended the University of Michigan until 1902, pursuing both literary and law courses. On returning to this city he became bookkeeper for the Mansfield Telephone Company, his term as such extending throughout the entire period of its construction. The plant was built by the Everett-Moore syndicate, of Cleveland, with only a small local interest, but, becoming financially embarrassed early in 1903, it was purchased from them by Mr. Ward and others, who assumed control on the 1st of November, 1903. At that time our subject became general manager. This company developed

the entire county, having a plant in Mansfield and exchanges in this city, Adario, Bellville, Butler, Lexington and Shiloh, a total system of more than four thousand subscribers and an investment of over three hundred thousand dollars. This wonderful growth has been attained in five years and is attributable in no small degree to the excellent executive ability and keen discrimination of Mr. Ward in his position as manager. The Mansfield exchange is noted as being one of the best constructed in the country and the county system is one of the best developed. Throughout the business district their lines are all underground. Though still retaining his interest and membership on the executive committee, Mr. Ward resigned the management of the concern on the 1st of January, 1907, on that date succeeding his father, who had retired, as cashier of the Bank of Mansfield. He is still filling that position and is notably prompt and capable in the discharge of his important duties.

On the 5th of October, 1904, at Mansfield, Mr. Ward was united in marriage to Miss May L., daughter of J. J. Sullivan, now deceased, who was a boiler manufacturer and one of the most popular residents of Mansfield. Mrs. Ward graduated from Mansfield high school in the same class with her future husband, and later completed a course in the Georgetown convent. She is a niece of J. H. Barrett, deceased, formerly general superintendent of the Southern Railway, who transported all troops to the scene of conflict in the Spanish-American war and was very highly complimented by Secretary Root for his efficient service in that direction. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ward has been born one child, Mary Katherine, two years of age.

In his political views Mr. Ward is a democrat but has no desire for official preferment, for he finds that his time is fully occupied by other interests. He is secretary of the Westbrook Country Club and is serving as exalted ruler of the Elks lodge, while his membership relations also connect him with the Masonic fraternity and Our Club. His religious faith is indicated by his identification with the First Methodist Episcopal church. He is a lover of literature and spends most of his leisure time in reading, while golf and tennis, of which he is very fond, also furnish him recreation. Both he and his wife are active and prominent in social and club circles and have gained the high regard and esteem of all with whom they have come in contact. Although still a young man he has already won for himself a prominent position among the representative business men of his native city and well deserves mention as one of its substantial and enterprising residents.

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#### WILLIAM McCOY.

William McCoy, a successful agriculturist of Jefferson township, was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1835, a son of Benjamin and Sarah McCoy, who were also natives of the Keystone state. There the mother died when our subject was a little lad of seven years, and the father subsequently married again. By the first union there were four sons, the

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others being: Benjamin, who has passed away; Israel, a resident of Canton, Ohio; and John C., who makes his home in Kansas. There was one child by the second marriage. Leaving Pennsylvania, Benjamin McCoy brought his family to Ohio, the trip being made with a two-horse wagon, and after spending a few months in Wayne, he located in Lexington, Richland county, in 1848. For two years he made his home in Troy township and then removed to Morrow county, where he died in 1851.

When William McCoy had mastered the branches of learning taught in the common schools he learned the tanner's trade, with which he was connected at Bellville for fifteen years. He then located on his present farm in Jefferson township, where he owns eighty-four acres of valuable and well improved land, the property returning to him a gratifying annual income. He has made all of the improvements upon the place and now has a very desirable property.

In 1860 Mr. McCoy was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Aungst, who was born on the 17th of February, 1835, and passed away in 1905, leaving one son, Frank, engaged in the drug business in Lexington, Ohio.

Mr. McCoy gives stalwart allegiance to the men and measures of the democracy and has served as a member of the council at Bellville. He is well and favorably known in the community and now receives the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on life's journey and whose course has at all times been honorable and upright.

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#### JAMES ABRAHAM LEONARD.

James Abraham Leonard, superintendent of the Ohio State Reformatory at Mansfield, was born on a farm in Black Log valley, near Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1854, and is of English and Scotch-Irish parentage. His father, Captain Leonard, was born in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1832, and was of English descent. Upon reaching manhood he engaged in the iron and steel industry, with which the family had been connected through many generations. At the outbreak of the Civil war he entered the army as a member of the organization known as the Bucktails and served as captain until the close of hostilities. The last year was spent in special service in the west under General Thomas. His service was often of the most arduous nature but he never faltered when duty called and throughout his entire life has manifested the same loyalty in citizenship. After the war he again engaged in the iron and steel business but on the opening of Oklahoma he went to that territory as one of its first settlers and took an active interest in the development of the new town of Edmond, serving as its mayor during the entire period of his residence there. He was also one of the founders of the State Normal School at Edmond and in fact was largely instrumental in securing its location there. Later he removed to Detroit, Michigan, where he is now living retired, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Eliza-

beth Wallace White, was born near Londonderry, Ireland, and came to America about 1850 with an aunt who located at Three Springs, Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania. Her parents were of sturdy Scotch-Irish stock and Mrs. Leonard was a woman of extraordinary strength of character, strongly influential among her children, her sons especially having the greatest respect for her opinions. She left her impress for good upon the lives of the many with whom she came in contact, and her death was therefore the occasion of deep regret when she passed away, at Detroit, Michigan, in December, 1907.

James A. Leonard is the eldest in the family of four sons and three daughters, of whom six are still living, and he is the only one of the brothers who is not connected with the steel and iron industry. The second son, W. R. Leonard, of Youngstown, Ohio, is president of the Wilkins-Leonard Hardware Company of that place, also engages in banking and for two years was county auditor; S. C., of Detroit, Michigan, is now general manager of the iron and steel department for the American Bar & Foundry Company, also president of the American Bar Iron Association and is prominent in educational work, being president of the school board of Detroit; John D., of St. Louis, Missouri, is general manager of the Helmbacher Iron & Steel Company and very prominent in Masonic circles; Mary A. is the widow of S. B. Lantz, of Detroit; and Frances J. is the wife of Millard Walker, general manager of the Foster Lumber Company at Norton, Kansas.

James A. Leonard spent his boyhood to the age of fifteen years upon a farm, and his earliest recollections have to do with events of the Civil war, in which he took deep interest. His grandfather was a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln and had named our subject in his honor. On the third day of the battle of Gettysburg he took his grandson to a point near their home, where they sat and listened to the heavy firing. He received his early education in the country schools and there learned the self-reliance to which he accredits his success in life. He afterward pursued a course in a private normal at Worthington, Ohio, and subsequently was a student in a private business college. In keeping with the traditions of the family, he was required to enter the mills after he left school and learn the iron and steel business. When he had mastered it, however, he turned his attention to educational work, to which he devoted the succeeding twenty-five years of his life, in the meantime receiving the degree of A.M. from Mount Union College, in 1885. He proved a capable educator, teaching in the district, township and city schools of the state, giving twenty years of active service along educational lines in Youngstown. During that period Mr. Leonard was also county examiner for nine years and served as principal of ward schools and the normal training department for several terms. A year after his arrival in Mansfield he was tendered the office of superintendent of schools at Youngstown, which offer appealed to him very strongly, because it came as a unanimous expression from the city in which he had spent his early manhood. However, his sense of right would not permit him to leave the reformatory in which he had become intensely interested. His work here had won the hearty approbation of the governor and board of trustees and he felt that it was his duty to remain where his service was proving a benefit to the state at large.

Previous to his arrival in Mansfield Mr. Leonard served for three years in the United States Interior department with Secretary Noble, and his labors were a helpful and influential factor in the establishment of schools of letters and industrial training schools for the Indians. In 1897 President McKinley tendered him the superintendency of Indian schools but he declined because the faithful discharge of the duties of the position would necessitate his almost continuous absence from home. He has delivered lectures before teachers' institutes throughout the middle west and his last educational work, before entering the reformatory, was in the normal training school of Youngstown, Ohio. In 1901 he was appointed superintendent of the Ohio State Reformatory. He immediately entered upon his work there and during the succeeding seven years his labors have given the utmost satisfaction to all concerned. The reformatory farm comprises five hundred acres of land and has been a source of revenue to the state as well as a means of discipline and training for the prison population. In the year 1906 the farm netted a profit of ten thousand dollars. In this connection Mr. Leonard said, "While it is very gratifying to learn that the farming operations are valuable from an economic point of view, this, after all, is a minor consideration when compared with the value of the farm as a means of discipline and training. A study of the farm report will reveal the fact that we have endeavored to produce everything which it is possible to raise in this region, and it is needless to say to those experienced in agriculture that such returns from two hundred and fifty acres of land, actually available, would be impossible if intensive methods were not employed. While the trusty system has rendered our farming operations much more profitable from an economic sense, and much more valuable for purposes of education and training, the moral gain alone justifies the system. The self-restraint necessary for these young men to resist the temptation to run away, and the moral stimulus that comes by imposing upon them responsibility in assignment of duties, results in the development of a degree of moral stamina that justifies an early parole and increases very appreciably the number of young men from this institution who become good citizens."

The reformatory idea originated nearly a century ago in Europe, but it made little progress until quite recently. Its highest development in the United States is seen in such institutions as that at Mansfield, Ohio, and Elmira, New York. In some respects the former is unique, and work is there being done which has brought to it the attention of all interested in the introduction of humanitarian and progressive principles in such institutions. The system employed at Mansfield is largely the creation of the present superintendent. That system is builded upon the conviction that while there are many among a prison population who are outside the zone of corrective influence, there are still greater numbers who can be improved or reclaimed by the personal interest and encouragement of officials and the application of wise reformative regulations. Mr. Leonard is the apostle of hopefulness in prison management. He has an abiding faith in humanity. He believes that in most offenders against the law there is a preponderance of good and that in the worst criminal some wholesome quality may be discovered. To repress the evil inclination and develop the manhood, self-respect and self-reliance of the

unfortunates committed to his care is the policy along which Mr. Leonard has been working for several years.

For thirty-three years Mr. Leonard has been in the public service. Nearly all of his work has been of an educative character and has had to do with the physical, mental and moral development of those who have come under his care. The influence of his work and the results of his labors are immeasurable, but, as Browning puts it, he "has been awakening the little seeds of good asleep throughout the world." While not a practical politician in the sense of being a worker in organized political ranks or in an untiring search for office, he has nevertheless taken a great interest in public affairs and is a stalwart champion of republican principles. He is a member of the Prison Congress and National Association of Charities and Correction. He gives deep and earnest thought and most careful consideration to, and he has written and read before the public, many papers on reform work which have been widely published both in this country and abroad.

On the 29th of July, 1885, in Youngstown, Ohio, Mr. Leonard was married to Elizabeth Annette Treat, a representative of the Treat family of Connecticut and later prominent among the early settlers of the Western Reserve. She is a direct descendant of Robert Treat, who for forty years was governor of Connecticut, and also of George Clinton, the first governor of New York and twice vice president of the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard have two daughters and two sons: Elizabeth and Laura Annette, who are students in Oberlin College; and James A., and George Todd, who are students in the Mansfield high school.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Leonard is connected with Masonry and has attained the Knight Templar degree. From the age of fifteen years he has been a member of the Methodist church and is serving on the official board of the First Methodist Episcopal church in Mansfield. His religion is of the most practical character and is manifested in his untiring, devoted and consecrated effort for his fellowmen. He possesses a hopeful optimism, for he believes that good is in each individual and that proper environment and encouragement will bring it out. Thus he is working steadily toward making the world better.

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#### VERNON REDDING.

It is a trite but true saying that there is always room at the top. In his business career Vernon Redding has gained a place where he has comparatively few competitors, for his ability has led him out of the ranks of the many and placed him among the successful few. As an architect he has secured a liberal patronage and many of the fine structures of Mansfield and this section of the state stand as evidence of his skill and handiwork. He was born at Ashland, Ohio, October 7, 1866, and is descended in both the paternal and maternal lines from German ancestry. His parents are P. M. and Malinda (Roland) Redding, both of whom are residents of Ashland. The father, a

native of that city, is well known as a contractor and builder there. Vernon Redding is the eldest of their family of five children, four of whom survive, his brother Frank having died at Montauk Point, Long Island, of typhoid fever contracted in the Spanish-American war, in which he served as a member of the Eighth Regiment. The others of the family are: Henry N. Redding, who is employed by his brother Vernon; Lester, who is also in his brother's employ; and Mrs. Peter Gougwer, who is residing near Ashland, Ohio.

Vernon Redding spent his boyhood days in his native city and acquired his education in the public schools there. One secret of his success undoubtedly is found in the fact of his persistency of purpose in continuing in a business in which he embarked in early manhood, his long experience continually promoting his efficiency and skill. At the age of nineteen years he entered the employ of Weary & Kramer, architects of Akron, Ohio, with whom he remained for eleven years, spending the last six years of that period as head draftsman in the office. That firm then opened an office in New York city and Mr. Redding was transferred as head draftsman to the eastern metropolis, where he remained for a year. On the expiration of that period the firm dissolved and Mr. Redding was offered a partnership with G. W. Kramer, who retained the New York office. Deciding to locate farther west, however, Mr. Redding selected Mansfield as a favorable location and arrived here in the fall of 1896. He then opened an office and has continued in business in this city to the present time. He has done a general business in making plans for and superintending the erection of public and private buildings, both locally and throughout the state. The volume of outside business that is accorded him is by far the most extensive, comprising about eighty percent of his total patronage. Among the more important structures outside of the city which have been erected under his management are the Young Men's Christian Association Building at Springfield, Ohio, costing eighty-five thousand dollars; the Young Men's Christian Association Building, the First Presbyterian church and the Carnegie Library at Bucyrus, Ohio; the Young Men's Christian Association Building, the Opera House, the Walnut Street school, the Ashland County Infirmary and a number of residences at Ashland, Ohio; the fine new residences for Dr. S. E. Simmons and D. W. H. Merritt, and the building of the Huron County Banking Company at Norwalk, Ohio, and the remodeling of the Huron county court house and the Huron county infirmary. He also built the new parochial school and auditorium for St. Peter's and Paul's congregation at Sandusky, Ohio, the Seventh ward school and the residence of Dr. H. C. Schopfle, at Sandusky, Ohio; the Garfield apartments and the Ozier & McCreedy block at Akron, Ohio; the new department store for D. A. Frank & Company, at Marion, Ohio; the Wayne County National Bank, the Wayne County Building & Loan building, the Carnegie library, and the residences of J. S. R. Overholt and Mrs. Jacob Frick, all of Wooster, Ohio; the Central Hotel, Carnegie library, First National Bank building, United Brethren church and the residence of A. Howard, at Galion, Ohio; and the annex to the high school building, the New Park National Bank, the six-story commercial building for Eli Hull, and the First Presbyterian church, of Newark, Ohio. He was also awarded the contract for the Trinity Episcopal

church at Bellfontaine, Ohio; the high school building at Wooster, Ohio; the four-story commercial building for F. E. Myers & Brother at Ashland, Ohio; and the new high school building at Wadsworth, this state. Among the more important buildings Mr. Redding has erected in Mansfield are the new Carnegie library, the Grace Episcopal church and First and Central Methodist Episcopal churches, St. Paul's Lutheran church, the annex to the high school, the Bowman and Newman street, the Hedges and the East Fourth street school buildings, the Young Men's Christian Association building, the remodeling of the Southern Hotel, a business block for S. M. Ford, the May Realty Company building and the new Elks' home, together with a number of factory buildings, including that owned by the American Cigar Company. He also built the fine new Westbrook Country Club building. In addition to his extensive building operations he is a director of the Citizens Savings & Loan Association. He passed the examination and was admitted to the American Institute of Architects, May 24, 1902,—a recognition of his ability as one of the skilled architects of the country.

On the 18th of January, 1888, in Ashland, Ohio, Mr. Redding was married to Miss Margaret E. Sheets of that city and they had one daughter, Helen Elizabeth, now fifteen years of age. Mrs. Redding died in the spring of 1900, and Mr. Redding was married, in Norwalk, Ohio, October 13, 1903, to Harriett R. Becker, of that place. The family residence is on Marion avenue, a property which he purchased ten years ago. Mr. Redding is a member of the Elks and Masonic fraternities and of the Westbrook Country Club. He is also a member of the First Presbyterian church and for several years served as one of its trustees. While he does not seek notoriety or public attention, he is at all times a courteous, genial gentleman, and one whose commendable qualities have gained for him warm friendship and sincere regard. With a nature that could not be content with mediocrity, he has steadily progressed in his chosen calling and his position now is among the foremost architects of Ohio.

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#### JOHN WESLEY FERREE.

John Wesley Ferree, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Franklin township, was born in what was then Franklin but is now Weller township, Richland county, Ohio, July 16, 1838, his parents being William and Anne (Haislett) Ferree, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Maryland. The father came to Richland county about 1820, when a lad of twelve years, settling on what is now the Franklin and Weller township line. His entire business career was devoted to agricultural pursuits, in which he met with a good measure of success. His demise occurred in November, 1866, while his wife survived him until 1870, when she, too, was called to her final rest. Unto this worthy couple were born five children, four sons and one daughter. John Wesley, of this review, was the first in order of birth. W. A. served for three years as a member of the One Hundred and Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and now carries on farming near Shiloh, Richland

county, Ohio. Mary A. is the wife of John Richards, of Seattle, Washington. Samuel, who when eighteen years of age enlisted for one hundred days as a soldier in the Civil war, contracted disease while in the service and died from its effects in 1865. Jacob W. carries on agricultural pursuits in Weller township.

John Wesley Ferree spent his boyhood days on the old homestead farm and acquired a common-school education. In 1861 he enlisted as a soldier in the Civil war and for three years and two months loyally defended the Union. He first went to western Virginia and was then transferred to the Army of the Cumberland, with which he continued until his term expired. He participated in all the engagements of the Army of the Cumberland and was slightly wounded at Stone River. He was discharged with the rank of duty sergeant and returned home with a creditable military record, having never faltered in the performance of any task assigned him. Since 1865 he has carried on farming on his present place of one hundred and sixty acres and, owing to his unremitting industry and capable management, has met with a gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity. A few old buildings stood on the farm when it came into his possession but he has torn these all down and replaced them with an attractive and commodious residence, a substantial barn and outbuildings, while the farm in its neat and thrifty appearance indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner.

In November, 1864, Mr. Ferree was united in marriage to Miss Susan Osbun, by whom he has four children: Minnie, at home; Charles, who married Miss Laura Haverfield and has three children, Tressie, Jay and Harold; Martha A., also at home; and William W., who wedded Miss Alpine Webb, by whom he has one child, Mary.

In his political views Mr. Ferree is a stanch republican and for one term, beginning in 1890, served as county commissioner. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic post at Pavonia, Ohio, of which he is now commander, and he and his family are all connected with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has held office and in the work of which he is actively and helpfully interested. Throughout his entire life, covering the psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, he has been a resident of this county and his interests are thoroughly identified therewith, his aid and cooperation ever being counted upon in furthering any movement or measure instituted for the general welfare.

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#### WILLIAM McELROY WELDON.

William McElroy Weldon, a prominent and well known lawyer of Mansfield, was born in this city on the 28th of December, 1868. His great-grandfather, Rolin Weldon, was one of the first settlers of Richland county, the year of his arrival being 1809. The grandfather, James Weldon, one of the old-time merchants of Mansfield, conducted his general store in what is still the "Weldon Corner" on the southeast corner of Main and Fourth streets. His

wife was a McElroy, whose father, William McElroy, settled on a farm three miles east of Mansfield in 1818 and the farm is still held by his descendants. The maternal grandmother of our subject was a Hodge, belonging to one of Buffalo's prominent pioneer families. William H. Weldon, father of William McElroy Weldon, was a naval officer in the Civil war and afterward a banker in Philadelphia. He died, however, when a comparatively young man, his death occurring in his twenty-ninth year. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Purdy, the eldest daughter of the late James Purdy, one of Mansfield's early lawyers, editors and bankers, who was also prominent in the development of the state's first canal system.

William McElroy Weldon was graduated from the public schools of Mansfield in 1886 and from Amherst College in the year 1890. After returning from a trip abroad he began reading law in the office of Jenner & Tracy and on the completion of a course in the Columbia Law School was admitted to the bar by the supreme court of Ohio in 1892. He has been associated with S. E. Jenner, F. K. Tracy and Hon. John W. Jenner in the active practice of law in the state and federal courts, and as director and attorney has assisted in the incorporation and management of The Farmers' Savings & Trust Company and several local manufacturing companies. His success in a professional way affords the best evidence of his capabilities in this line. He is a strong advocate with the jury, and concise in his appeals before the court. His reputation as a lawyer has been won through earnest, honest labor and his standing at the bar is a merited tribute to his ability.

Descended on both the paternal and maternal sides from a line of whigs, he has always been an active republican, and in 1899 was elected city solicitor of Mansfield. He was the first republican solicitor elected in thirty years—a fact which plainly indicates his popularity and the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen.

In 1896 William McElroy Weldon was united in marriage to Miss Sarah May Black, the only daughter of Moses and Elizabeth (Blymyer) Black. They make their home in the old Blymyer-Black homestead, which is enlivened by the presence of two bright and interesting children, Elizabeth and William, aged respectively seven and four years.

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#### ISAAC GRANVILLE NOECKER.

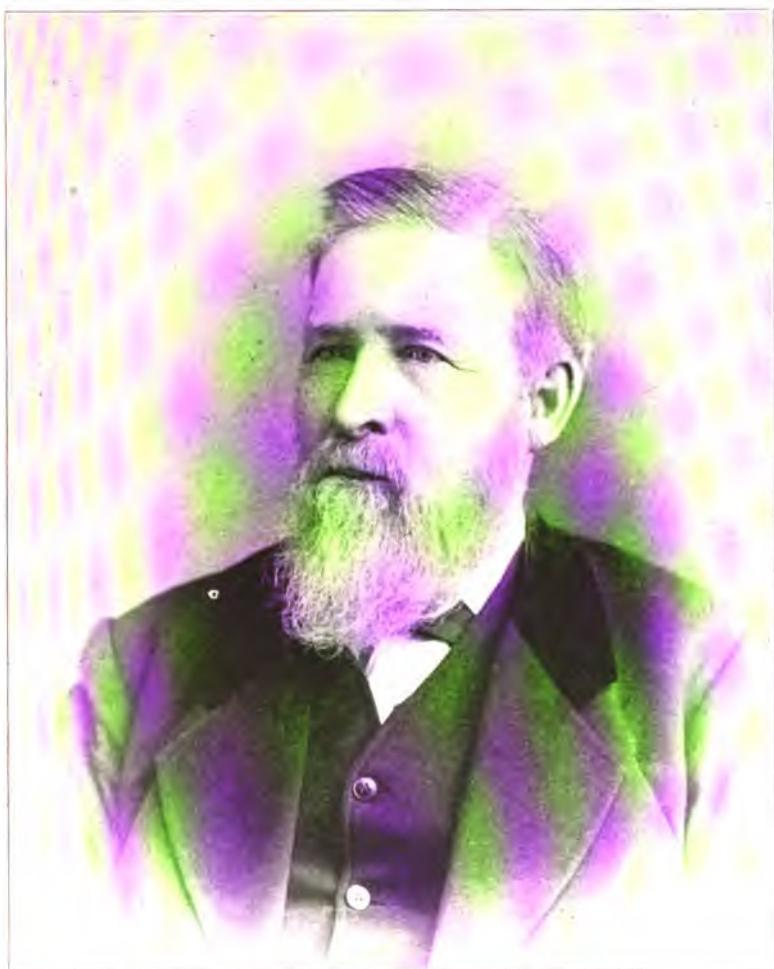
Isaac Granville Noecker, who is an enterprising and progressive man, is now operating a fine farm of one hundred and fifty-nine acres on section 27, Cass township, which belongs to his father-in-law, Levi Dick, and he also has another tract of twenty acres situated a half mile east of the home place, so that he is carrying on general agricultural pursuits on quite a large scale.

Mr. Noecker is a native son of Ohio, his birth having occurred on a farm a half mile east of Planktown, in Richland county, June 22, 1850. His father, Benjamin Noecker, was born near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, February 12, 1809, the day on which President Lincoln was also born. He was first mar-





MRS. LEVI DICK.



LEVI DICK.



ried to Miss Mary Baumgartner, who was also born in the Keystone state, and by that union there were four children. The wife and mother died near Planktown, October 28, 1841, and for his second wife he chose Lavina Van Horn, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, December 28, 1817. Her parents removed to Ohio from the Keystone state. This union was blessed with five children, as follows: Rebecca Ellen, who was born November 5, 1845, and became the wife of Joseph Coup, but is now deceased; Sarah, who was born December 15, 1847, and became the wife of Thomas Rosendale, by whom she had one child, and after his death was married a second time, but is now deceased; Isaac G., of this review; Lovina, who was born January 1, 1852, and is now the wife of Frank Dick, a resident of Crawford county; and Katherine, who was born May 14, 1854, and is the wife of Aaron Fike, of Knox county, Ohio.

Isaac G. Noecker, whose name introduces this record, was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He was reared near Planktown and acquired his education in the district schools near his father's home. In 1877 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Auburn township, Crawford county, where he remained until the time of his marriage.

That important event in his life occurred on the 9th of June, 1881, when he led to the marriage altar Miss Isabel Dick, who was born on the farm which is now her home, July 24, 1856, a daughter of Levi and Katherine A. (Swartz) Dick. The father was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, July 3, 1826, a son of George and Sarah (Nichols) Dick, both of whom were born in the Keystone state in 1796, and at an early day they made their way to Stark county, Ohio, and later removed to Wayne county, while the year 1832 witnessed their arrival in Richland county. There Levi Dick spent his remaining days, passing away June 28, 1900, when he had reached the age of seventy-four years. He was married twice, his first union being with Katherine Swartz, who was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1829, whence she came to Ohio with her parents in 1835. By her marriage she became the mother of six children, namely: Mary Jane, the deceased wife of George Bucher; Sarah Helen, the wife of Dan Malone, of Cass township; Isabel, now Mrs. Noecker; George Franklin, who died at the age of two years; Katherine, who died young; and one who died in infancy. The wife and mother passed away March 16, 1893, at the age of sixty-four years, and following her demise Mr. Dick was again married, his second union being with Amanda Behmer, the wedding ceremony being performed December 16, 1897. His widow now resides in Lafayette, Ohio. The father followed farming in this state and became a large landowner, owning at one time four hundred acres.

Following the marriage of Isaac G. Noecker and Isabel Dick they began their domestic life upon a farm in Crawford county, where they made their home until seven years ago, at which time they came to Cass township, Richland county, and took up their abode upon his father-in-law's farm, which has been their home to the present time. This tract comprises one hundred and fifty-nine acres of well improved land, all of which is in a good state of cultivation, and in addition to this Mr. Noecker also operates another tract of

twenty acres adjoining. On the place stands a good brick residence and substantial barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. Mr. Noecker is engaged in general farming and stock-raising and both branches of his business are proving a profitable source of revenue to him.

Mr. and Mrs. Noecker have four children: Levi B., born May 14, 1882, married Rosie Schreff and is engaged in painting and paper hanging in Shelby; George Leonard, born November 25, 1883, and agent for the Watkins Medicine Company, married Catherine Pickens, by whom he has one child, Leola, and they reside in Edison, Ohio; and Charles, born May 11, 1888, and Howard Dick, born August 21, 1893, are both at home.

Mr. Noecker gives his political support to the democratic party, having supported its men and measures since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He served as trustee of Cass township for one term and has filled other minor offices. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias at Tiro. Having spent his entire life in Ohio, Mr. Noecker is familiar with the history of the state and is well and favorably known in many sections. He has ever followed the most honorable methods in his dealings with his fellowmen and all who know him have none but the highest praise and commendation for him.

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#### GEORGE ARTER.

The name of Arter is an old and prominent one in Richland county, members of the family having resided here since 1816, therefore the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch needs no introduction to our readers. Mr. Arter was born in Crawford county, Ohio, December 24, 1850. The first of the family to come to Richland county was the paternal great-grandfather, who entered twelve hundred acres of land from the government, in Sandusky and Springfield townships. He built a log cabin on the place, which continued to be his home throughout a long period. He passed away in Shelby, this state.

The father of our subject, who also bore the name of George Arter, was born December 20, 1822, in Richland county, and became a wealthy land-owner, following the occupation of farming throughout his entire life. He was married in Richland county to Miss Sarah J. Walters, likewise a native of Richland county, born June 7, 1825. He was prominent in the ranks of the republican party and took an active part in public affairs. His death occurred June 21, 1896, when he had reached the age of seventy-four years, while his wife survived him for a few years, passing away March 17, 1905, when in her seventy-fifth year. Unto this worthy couple were born eight children, as follows: Rebecca, the wife of Daniel Beam, a resident of Richland county; George, of this review; Alwilda, the wife of Aaron Oldfield, of Crawford county; John, who has passed away; Sarah J., the wife of J. Hout, of Richland county; Delia, the wife of W. P. Smith, of Galion, this state; Charles H., also of Richland county; and Flora B., the wife of William Frank, of Galion, Ohio.

George Arter was reared to the occupation of farming and was educated in the common schools. He remained on the home farm until he had attained the age of twenty-seven years, when he began life on his own account by operating the home place. He has worked earnestly and persistently during the years that have come and gone and today his valuable farm of one hundred and ninety-two acres, situated on sections 12 and 13, Sandusky township, stands as evidence of the excellent success which has attained his efforts. He has improved his place with good buildings, occupying a good country residence, and he also has substantial outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and each year harvests good crops.

It was on the 21st of February, 1884, that Mr. Arter was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Harris, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, September 7, 1854, a daughter of Joseph and Susanna (Wilson) Harris, who were natives of England and emigrated to the new world in 1839, in which year they located in Chicago, where the father was engaged in contracting and building. Their family numbered seven children. Both the parents are now deceased. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Arter has been blessed with two sons and two daughters, namely: Sadie, who was born August 23, 1885, and is at home; Alice, who was born in January, 1889, and was graduated from the Crestline high school and is still under the parental roof; George H., who was born June 28, 1890, and is now a student in the Crestline high school; and Lester, who was born March 29, 1898, and is also at home.

Mr. Arter gives his support to the men and measures of the republican party and aside from serving as school director he has filled no public office, preferring to give his undivided time and attention to his private business interests, in which he is meeting with success. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Having spent his entire life in Richland county, he has a wide acquaintance and is also familiar with the progress which has here been made in agricultural circles in the last half century. He is known for his honesty, integrity and straightforward methods, being never known to take advantage of another in any trade transaction.

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#### REV. WILLIAM O. SCOTT.

Although now living quietly in Butler in the filial care of his own and his wife's father, Rev. William O. Scott has devoted much of his life to the work of the ministry and in the church has done effective service for the advancement of moral and spiritual interests. He was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, March 20, 1856, and is the son of Thomas H. and Margaret M. (Lyons) Scott. His paternal grandfather was William Scott, a native of Ireland, and the family was founded in America about 1770. Settling in Pennsylvania on his arrival in the new world, William Scott was married in that state, his wife, Miss Susana Scott, being a native of Pennsylvania, whence they removed to Jefferson county, Ohio, in 1800. This state had not then

been admitted to the Union. The Indians far outnumbered the white settlers and it seemed that the seeds of civilization had hardly been planted here, but Mr. and Mrs. Scott bravely faced the dangers and hardships of pioneer life and aided in laying broad and deep a foundation upon which has been builded the present prosperity and progress of the commonwealth. Mr. Scott passed away in Jefferson county in 1832 at the age of fifty-two years, while his wife died in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, in 1865, at the age of eighty-five years.

In their family were twelve children, but Thomas H. Scott, the father of our subject, is the only one now living. He was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, January 12, 1820, and was reared amid the wild scenes and environments of pioneer life. Having arrived at years of maturity he was married on the 25th of November, 1847, to Miss Margaret M. Lyons, whose birth occurred May 1, 1829. In his youth Thomas H. Scott attended the public schools and afterwards began teaching, which profession he followed during the winter terms for seven years. During the period of the Civil war, however, he put aside business and professional cares and offered his services to the government, enlisting in 1864 as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Fifty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for one hundred days. During this time he was engaged in guarding prisoners at Fort Delaware and on the 15th of September, 1864, he was mustered out. For a considerable period in his early life he devoted his time and energy to general agricultural pursuits and in 1867 he joined the Muskingum annual conference of the Methodist Protestant church, with which he was connected for fifteen years, preaching at different places during that period. He is still connected therewith, being now superannuated. For the past ten years he has divided his time between the homes of his son and daughter. He is a remarkably well preserved man for one of his age and his mental faculties seem as yet undimmed. He has always been a student and a thinker and has kept abreast with the times in all matters of general progress. He is now living with his son, William, at the very venerable age of eighty-eight years, while his wife passed away April 14, 1906. They were the parents of six children: Albert G. and Andrew M., both of whom are now deceased; Ida B., who has also passed away; William O., of this review; Ella L., the wife of Charles G. Busbee, of Fairfield county, Ohio; and Frank S., deceased.

William O. Scott was reared in his native county and as a boy trudged off each morning to the district school and therein mastered the common branches of learning. The periods of vacation were largely devoted to farm work and when eighteen years of age he began teaching school, following the profession for eight years and proving a capable educator, his ability being manifest in the readiness with which he imparted to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He then took up the work of the ministry and joined the Muskingum Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in 1882. Three years later he came to Butler as pastor of the church of that denomination at this place. He afterward accepted a call from the church at Wellsville, Ohio, but in 1896 returned to Butler, where he has since made his home. He is supernumerary assistant to the pastor here and is on the retired list for the time being that he may care for his own and his wife's father during

the evening of their lives. When circumstances permit, however, he will again take up the active work of the ministry, for his interest in the work has never abated nor his zeal for the cause slackened. He now controls one hundred acres of land, of which he owns one-third, and from which he derives a good rental. His portion lies within the corporation limits of Butler.

Mr. Scott has been married twice. On the 1st of June, 1887, he wedded Margaret Craig, who was born July 21, 1854, and died in September, 1896. Following her demise he married her sister, Miss Marilla A. Craig, on the 28th of September, 1897. She was born March 19, 1861, and by this marriage there is one child, Paul Craig Scott, born November 6, 1898. Mrs. Scott is a daughter of James A. and Mary Ann (Eicher) Craig. The father was born October 17, 1826, and makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Scott, as does the former's father. Mr. Craig's parents were Joseph and Margaret (Spear) Craig. The former was born January 29, 1797, in Pennsylvania, and died on what is now the Scott home in Butler, July 7, 1887, at the venerable age of ninety years and six months. His wife, who was born in the Keystone state, October 29, 1801, died here, May 11, 1884, at the age of eighty-two years and six months. The family is noted for longevity. Mrs. Scott's grandfather, Joseph Craig, came to Richland county in 1828 and purchased eighty acres of land, which constitutes a part of what is now the Scott farm. In the midst of the unbroken wilderness he built a log cabin, which was without windows or doors until after Christmas, blankets being hung up at the openings for protection. Here the family lived in true pioneer style and when company came they utilized pumpkins for chairs. Upon this farm is a spring which has been piped into Butler and furnishes water for a large portion of the population. Joseph Craig continued to follow farming throughout life and was one of the most scientific and successful agriculturists of this section. His son, James Craig, conducted a tanyard in Butler for many years and also took contracts for clearing timber from land. He would buy land, clear it of the timber and then sell it again, and in this way made a good profit on his investment. He has now reached the evening of his life and in his declining days has the care and tender devotion of his daughter and son-in-law.

When twelve years of age Mary Ann (Eicher) Craig's mother became an invalid and the daughter not only cared for her during life, but took her place at the loom and spinning-wheel during winter months but was able to reap as many dozens of grain with the sickle as any man. Besides her own home duties she promptly and cheerfully responded to the many summons from the sickrooms throughout the neighborhood. Her home beside the spring on the hillside was ever open to the minister of the gospel, her purse and pantry to the hungry, her sympathy and love to the tempted and sorrowing, and her words of counsel and fervent prayers a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night around and about her home and kindred. To her the words of Scripture might have been aptly given: "She seeketh wool and flax and worketh willingly with her hands.

"She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

"She stretcheth out her hand to the poor: yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

"She openeth her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."—Proverbs 31:13-31.

Mrs. Scott is a graduate of the high school of Fort Wayne, Indiana, of the class of 1882, and in early womanhood she engaged in teaching near Mount Vernon, Ohio, and successfully followed that profession until she had to give up her school work to care for her father and mother. She has taken care of nine old people in all, each one being over seventy years of age. In this regard she is certainly doing a noble work and one which entitles her to the esteem and admiration of all with whom she has been brought in contact. She is the youngest of a family of six children: David, now deceased; Atchison D., living in Richmond, Indiana; Arminda J., the wife of W. Montis, of Des Moines, Iowa; Margaret, who was the first wife of Mr. Scott; Jerusha M., the wife of Francis J. Kanaga, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Mrs. Marilla A. Scott.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Scott are held in the highest esteem by reason of lives that are exemplary in many respects. Their influence has ever been on the side of right and progress, of justice and truth, and with them Christianity is a matter of daily living and not of Sunday observance alone. It is manifest in their relations with all with whom they come in contact and their unfaltering fidelity to the principles in which they believe.

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#### CHRISTOPHER C. AREHART.

As long as memory remains to the American people the soldier will be held in high regard, for the country has ever felt that she owes a debt of gratitude to the boys in blue who fought for the defense of the Union during the darkest hour in the nation's history since the establishment of American independence. Among the veterans of the Civil war who are now living in Richland county is numbered Christopher C. Arehart, who was born in Perryville, Ashland county, Ohio, April 29, 1843. He had therefore but just passed his eighteenth birthday when on the 16th of August, 1861, he offered his services to the government in defense of the stars and stripes. He was mustered into the United States service on the 6th of August and went to the front as a private. On the 28th and 29th of December of the same year he participated in the battle of Chickasaw Bayou. He was also in the engagement at Arkansas Post, January 11, 1863; at Thompson Hill, Mississippi, on the 1st of May; and in the siege of Vicksburg from the 18th of May until the 4th of July. He took part in the battle at Big Black River on the 17th of May, 1863, and was at Jackson, Mississippi, from the 9th to the 16th of July. He then went to Frankfort and on the 1st of February, 1867, he was appointed corporal. From the 5th to the 7th of May, 1864, he was at a plantation in

Louisiana, and on the 27th of November of the same year he was transferred to Company E, of the One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He also took part in a battle in May, 1864, and in the engagement at Bayou De Glaize on the 18th of May. He also aided in the siege of Mobile, Alabama, from the 26th of March until the 9th of April; in the siege of Fort Blakely from the 2d to the 9th of April, 1865; was next transferred to Company E, of the Forty-eighth Ohio Infantry, July 24, 1865, and was honorably discharged at Houston, Texas, October 14, 1865, for the war had been brought to a close and his aid was no longer needed.

Mr. Arehart then returned to Ashland county, Ohio, and resumed his education as a student in the schools of Perryville. He afterward devoted some time to learning the plasterer's trade and worked in that business for seven years. On the expiration of that period he engaged in farming in Monroe township, Richland county, Ohio, and also worked at the plasterer's trade.

On the 8th of January, 1870, Mr. Arehart was married to Miss Emma Yates and in 1878 they removed to the farm in Monroe township, comprising one hundred and twenty-two acres of land, where Mr. Arehart devoted his attention successfully to agricultural interests until about six years ago, when he purchased a commodious residence in the village of Lucas and took up his abode there. Since that time he has lived a life of quiet and well earned retirement, enjoying the ease and rest which should always crown long years of active and honorable labor. He has made an excellent record in business and aside from the activity he has displayed in the industrial and agricultural circles he has also been one of the directors of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Lucas.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Arehart have been born four children: Lloyd, who operates his father's farm; May, the wife of Norman Irwin, a resident farmer of this county; John, who is a liveryman at Mansfield; and Don, deceased.

While Mr. Arehart is now largely living retired from business cares, he has never ceased to be an active factor in movements and measures pertaining to the public good. He is in all things a respected and progressive citizen, keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day and all matters of general interest. He manifests a patriotic devotion to his county, state and nation and in community affairs has done much active and efficient work. The cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion and through his official connection with the schools he has done much for their upbuilding. He has labored earnestly to raise the standard of public education in Monroe township, believes in the employment of competent teachers and the introduction of progressive measures that will make the public-school course a thorough preparation for life's practical and responsible duties. He has likewise been a generous supporter of the church and his influence is always on the side of moral advancement. In political affairs he has been a stanch democrat and has for the past five years served as infirmary director, discharging the duties of the position with promptness and fidelity. As assessor and trustee he has done good work for the community and his aid and cooperation can always be counted upon to further progressive measures. He maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Swigart Post,

G. A. R., of Lucas, in which he has held various offices and is past commander. Such in brief is the life record of C. C. Arehart, who commands the respect of all who know him and is justly counted one of the representative citizens of the community.

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#### J. P. WALSH.

J. P. Walsh, who is successfully conducting a harness business in Bellville, was here born on the 10th of December, 1834, his parents being James and Sarah (Bell) Walsh. His maternal great-grandfather was Robert Bell, Sr., who owned the land on which the village of Bellville is now located, and laid out the town site. He came to this state with his parents in 1796 from Pallingsville, New Jersey, and first located in Belmont county, but in the spring of 1815, soon after the close of the war of 1812, the family came to Richland county and the father, Robert Bell, Sr., purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land of Samuel McClure, who had entered it from the government. On the northeast end of this tract stood the old blockhouse, and also the shake mill. On the west of this section he donated a plat for the cemetery. The land was covered with a heavy growth of timber. In 1820 Robert Bell, Sr., began laying out Bellville, and selling lots. He soon afterward went to live with his son, Robert Bell, Jr., his third child, who had married Elizabeth Lash. In 1830 the latter purchased the Jacob Stout farm of one hundred and sixty acres, now owned by Job Olin, and on selling that place he removed to Bellville in 1854, making his home there until his death, which occurred December 10, 1861, when he was seventy-seven years of age. His father had lived with him until called to his final rest in 1840, at the age of eighty-six years. The later first married Mary Yost, who was of English and Scotch descent, and who died in 1822, at the age of seventy years. In 1825 he wedded Mrs. Hannah Boogs. By trade he was a shoemaker, but also engaged in farming to some extent. He gave the park to Bellville. In religious faith he was a zealous Presbyterian, and kept strictly all the fast days and other ordinances of the church, and also gave lots for church and school purposes.

James Walsh, the father of our subject, was a native of Maryland, and came to Richland county in 1825. He followed farming for several years after coming to this county, and subsequently engaged in the hardware business in Bellville, but prior to that he conducted a tannery at that place. On selling his hardware store, he opened a harness shop, which he carried on until 1863, when he sold out and removed to Crestline, Ohio, where he made his home until his demise. He was actively connected with the early development of the county, and his labors were an important element in its substantial upbuilding.

J. P. Walsh acquired a common-school education, and remained with his father until he attained his majority. For several years afterward he was a partner of his father in the harness business, and on selling out he became connected with the carriage trade, which he continued for three years, selling



MR. AND MRS. J. P. WALSH.



out in 1860. In that year he purchased the harness business, which he has since conducted with a gratifying and well merited success. He owns the store in which the business is carried on, and likewise has a nice residence property, being recognized as one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of the county.

In 1859 Mr. Walsh was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Cowan, a native of Maryland. Her parents, Hugh and Drusilla Cowan, came to this county at an early day and passed away here. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Walsh was born one daughter, Kora, at home, who after completing the regular course in the Bellville schools was appointed as teacher at the state school for blind, at Columbus, Ohio, which she held seven years. The wife and mother passed away in 1903, her demise being deeply regretted by her many friends.

Mr. Walsh has been an officer of the Presbyterian church for years, and gives his political allegiance to the democracy, and has never missed a vote since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has served on the town board for several terms and is a public-spirited citizen, whose support can always be counted upon to further any measure for the general good. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows' lodge, No. 306, at Bellville, has filled all the chairs in this lodge several times, and is a member of the Encampment. Having spent his entire life in this, the place of his nativity, he is well and favorably known throughout the community, and has won the warm esteem and friendship of all with whom he has come in contact in business and social relations.

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#### JOHN KRAUSE.

John Krause, president of the Mansfield Ice Company and prominently connected with various other commercial enterprises of the city, was born here on the 19th of March, 1848. His father, John Krause, a native of Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, emigrated to America in 1846, locating at Mansfield, where for the last twenty-five years of his life he engaged in the grocery business. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Beck, was also a native of Hessen Darmstadt, but came to the United States prior to her marriage. She passed away in 1876 and Mr. Krause survived until 1881.

John Krause is the eldest in a family of three sons and one daughter, of whom all are still living with the exception of one son, who died in infancy. Our subject acquired his education in the public schools of Mansfield and when fourteen years of age began driving a grocery wagon for his father, by whom he was employed until he had attained the age of eighteen, clerking in the store during the latter part of that time. In 1867, on account of the father's ill health, he took charge of the business and when twenty-six years old was admitted to a partnership under the firm style of John Krause & Sons. The senior partner retired in 1880, when the name of the enterprise was changed to Krause Brothers, John Krause of this review remaining an active factor in the conduct of the business until 1892, when he sold out to his

brothers and established the Mansfield Ice Company, of which he has since been president and to the capable control of which he has given the greater part of his time and energies. That he is widely known as a man of excellent business ability and keen discrimination is indicated by the fact that his cooperation has been sought in an official capacity in various financial and commercial enterprises of this city. He has been vice president of the Bank of Mansfield since 1892, is a director in the Ideal Electric & Manufacturing Company and is interested in the Barnes Manufacturing Company, the Ohio Suspender Company and other concerns which have contributed in large measure to the commercial prosperity and upbuilding of Mansfield. He is likewise interested to some extent in Mansfield real-estate, his holdings including his home at No. 133 North Walnut street, which he built thirty years ago. He is a member of the May Realty Company, which firm built the May Building on South Park street, consisting of office building, flats and store building.

A democrat in politics, Mr. Krause has always taken an active interest in the work of the party here, and for two successive terms served as township treasurer of Madison township. During one term, from 1894 until 1897, he was a member of the board of water works trustees, and from 1904 until 1907 acted on the board of public service. In these various positions of trust and responsibility he displayed the same fidelity and capability that characterize him in the conduct of his private business affairs and is recognized as a man who is faithful to the obligations devolving upon him in every relation of life. He has gone through all the chairs of the Knights of Pythias and his fraternal relations also connect him with the Elks and the National Union, while for about ten years he has been one of the deacons in St. Luke's Lutheran church.

On the 21st of November, 1875, in Mansfield, Mr. Krause was united in marriage to Miss Amelia, daughter of Jacob Bush, a retired farmer of Richland county. The one son of this union, Albert B., is manager of the Mansfield Ice Company. A native son of the city in which his entire life has been passed, John Krause has so lived as to win the admiration and esteem of those who have known him from boyhood and have noted the excellent use he has made of his advantages and opportunities in the attainment of the prosperity which he today enjoys.

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#### W. H. MITCHELL.

W. H. Mitchell, an enterprising young merchant of the village of Ontario, is conducting a well appointed store, and his carefully managed business interests have brought him gratifying success. He was born near Ganges, Ohio, on the 21st of October, 1877. His father, Corydon Mitchell, was a native of Springfield township, Richland county, and has been identified with agricultural interests throughout his entire life. He is yet a prosperous farmer of this county and at a ripe old age is enjoying the fruits of his former toil, while his fellow townsmen entertain for him the warmest regard by reason of the high and honorable principles which have characterized his entire career.

In early manhood he wedded Miss Lillie Caton, a native of Sandusky township, this county, and unto them were born two children. The daughter, Grace, is the wife of Charles Hamman, a farmer now located in Blooming Grove township, this county.

W. H. Mitchell acquired his early education in the district schools near his father's home and afterward received the advantages of a more advanced education in Angola, Indiana. After putting aside his text-books he started out in life on his own account, becoming a teacher in the public schools of Richland county. He successfully followed that vocation for a period of seven years, proving in the schoolroom an excellent disciplinarian and a teacher of marked ability in imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. In 1906 he purchased a half interest in the store of C. M. Jolly at Ontario, and in 1907 became sole proprietor. In the conduct of the store he is constantly studying to meet the demands of his patrons and he gives to them the benefit of reasonable prices and careful selection of goods. He is a young man of laudable ambition, who could never be content with mediocrity, and in his business career is making constant and substantial advancement.

Mr. Mitchell was married in 1903 to Miss Winona Light, a resident of Ganges, Ohio, and they now have one son, Dean Everett, an interesting little lad of two years. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have won many friends here and their own home is attractive by reason of its warm-hearted and cordial hospitality. In his political views he is a democrat and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to office. He is now serving as township treasurer and is also postmaster of Ontario. Fraternally he is connected with Ontario Lodge, No. 485, A. F. & A. M. Socially he stands very high in the community in which he lives, and his honorable business methods and his personal traits of character commend him to the confidence and good will of the general public.

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#### J. W. McCULLY.

Thrift, energy and economy are the elements which constitute the success of J. W. McCully, who now owns and operates one hundred and eight acres of land situated on section 12, Sandusky township. He is a native son of the township, his birth having occurred in a log cabin, February 12, 1848. His parents, William and Mary (Simpson) McCully, were likewise born in Richland county, where their entire lives were passed. Both are now deceased. Of their five children, four still survive, namely: S. S., of Richland county; Sarah J., the widow of D. B. Lovett, also of Richland county; William, who resides in New York city; and J. W., of this review.

J. W. McCully acquired his education in the common schools and was reared under the parental roof until he reached mature years, having in the meantime assisted his father in the operation of the home farm. Upon starting out in life on his own account he located on his present farm, which he

purchased, comprising one hundred and eight acres on section 12, Sandusky township. He has improved the place with good buildings, has tiled and fenced the land and placed it under a high state of cultivation. Here he is engaged in general agricultural pursuits and each year harvests good crops as a reward for the care and labor he bestows upon the fields. In connection with farming he was also for eighteen years engaged in the tile and milling business but now gives his entire attention to agriculture.

Mr. McCully established a home of his own by his marriage, in December, 1871, to Miss Ellen Reed, who was born in Richland county, a daughter of James and Anna (Adams) Reed, both of whom are now deceased. She is one of a family of ten children, and by her marriage has become the mother of three children, two daughters and one son: Edith M., who was born July 22, 1873, and is now the wife of William Kuhn, of Richland county; Edgar R., who was born January 18, 1877, and lives in Galion, Ohio; Jessie L., who was born October 30, 1884, and is now the wife of Clarence Hoover, a resident of Mansfield, this state.

Mr. McCully's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give stalwart support to the democratic party. For several years he has served as a member of the school board, while at the present writing he is filling the office of justice of the peace, his decisions being made in a fair and impartial manner. He is now the candidate of his party for county commissioner. He is a member of the National Union Insurance Company, while he and his wife are identified with the Presbyterian church. They are people of the highest respectability and worth and are highly esteemed in the community in which they have so long resided, the hospitality of their own pleasant home being enjoyed by their many friends and acquaintances.

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#### JACOB SAMSEL.

Jacob Samsel, residing on his farm in Butler township, was born in Richland county, August 6, 1836, his parents being Peter and Elizabeth (Dick) Samsel, natives of Germany, who emigrated to America and located in this county in 1836. The father was a weaver by trade, but in 1859 purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Butler township. He was called to his final rest in 1883, having for a number of years survived his wife, whose death occurred in 1857. Their family numbered six children, namely: Peter, deceased; Catharine, the wife of Reuben Zigler, of Williams county, Ohio; Jacob, of this review; David, residing in this county; and two who died in infancy.

Jacob Samsel acquired a common-school education and remained under the parental roof until he had attained the age of sixteen years, when he learned the cabinet-maker's trade, at which he was engaged for a year. He then returned to the farm. In 1857 he purchased his present farm and as the years have passed by has made many substantial improvements thereon, while in addition to the work of the fields he made a specialty of raising horses and

sheep. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he has met with a well earned and enviable degree of success and is now numbered among the prosperous and enterprising citizens of the community.

On the 18th of January, 1858, Mr. Samsel was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Oberlin, by whom he had two children: Frank, of Richland county, who is married and has four children; and Emma, deceased. Following the death of his first wife Mr. Samsel was again married, his second union being with Eliza A. Glenn, who was born in Weller township in 1841, a daughter of Hugh Glenn. She died on the 26th of July, 1908. She was one of a family of eleven children, and by her marriage became the mother of one daughter, Bertha, who has one son, Glenn Dannison.

Politically Mr. Sanisel is a democrat, and has served as a member of the school board for thirty years, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. When sixteen years of age he joined the Reformed church, and has since been identified therewith, taking an active and helpful interest in its work. His life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor, and today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of the locality. Throughout his entire life, covering more than the psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, he has been a resident of this county and has gained and retained the confidence and trust of those with whom he has been associated.

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#### GEORGE H. GRIBLING.

No history of Richland county would be complete without mention of George H. Gribling, for the name has figured prominently in agricultural circles in this section of the state from pioneer times. He now owns and operates the old Gribling homestead, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of rich and valuable land, located in Madison township, and here, owing to his well directed energy, is carrying on a successful business as an agriculturist. Mr. Gribling is a native son of Richland county, his birth having occurred at Little Washington, Washington township, February 21, 1848. His parents were Christian and Anna Maria (Strotder) Gribling, both natives of Germany, the former born in Nassau. He there learned the wagonmaker's trade and after attaining mature years he left the fatherland for America. Upon reaching New York he made his way to Ohio, locating in Little Washington, where he worked at his trade for a time, and then located on a farm in Washington township, where he continued for nine years, or until the fall of 1859, when he purchased the farm which is now the home of our subject. This tract of land had been pre-empted in 1814 by Michael Keith, who had come to this state from Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Gribling then located on this farm, which he continued to cultivate for several years, or until his death, which occurred in 1862, and he now lies buried in the Mansfield cemetery. He was a man most highly respected in the community, for he possessed many excellent traits of character, and in his business dealings

was known for his reliability and trustworthiness. As above stated, the mother, who bore the maiden name of Anna Maria Strotter, was born in Germany, having emigrated to this country with her parents when she was but a child. She, too, has passed away, her death occurring in 1882, after she had survived her husband for two decades. Her remains lie buried by the side of those of her husband. In the family of this worthy couple were six children, as follows: Wilma, who became the wife of Gaylord Terman, but who is now deceased; George H.; Amanda, the widow of G. W. Toust; Rosena, the wife of Oliver Stotnor, of Keokuk Iowa; one who died in infancy; and Frank, who is a contractor of Detroit, Michigan.

George H. Gribling, the eldest son and second child in the father's family, acquired his education in the district schools of Washington and Madison townships and also spent one term in the Mansfield school. After completing his education he resumed agricultural pursuits, for he had been early trained to the duties of the home farm, and he has since operated his present tract of land, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres. When the family took possession of this property the old house which stood on the place was a portion of the old Keith tavern, a familiar landmark, as it is located on the old stage road. This home, however, has been remodeled and added to, and Mr. Gribling now has a most comfortable and commodious country residence. He has also made many other improvements in the way of good barns and outbuildings and his place today presents a neat and attractive appearance. In the cultivation of his fields he uses the latest improved machinery and follows the most progressive ideas of agriculture, for he is a man of push and enterprise who keeps in touch with the advancement of the age in the methods of farm work.

On the 12th of February, 1879, Mr. Gribling was united in marriage to Miss Neotia Cline, the wedding ceremony being celebrated in Mansfield. She is a representative of one of the old and prominent pioneer families of Richland county, and by her marriage has become the mother of six children, namely: Nellie, the wife of Morris Crawl, who follows farming a mile north of our subject; Fanny, the wife of Roy Terman, whose home is one mile west of her father's place; one who died in infancy; and Charlotte, Ralph and George F., all still under the parental roof.

Mr. Gribling's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give stalwart support to the men and measures of the democratic party and his genuine worth and ability have won him recognition by his fellow townsmen, who have called him to fill positions of honor and trust, for he served as county commissioner for six years, was supervisor five years, township trustee four years and has served on the school board for the past eighteen years, and the duties of these various offices have been discharged with promptness and fidelity. He is a member of the German Lutheran church, while Mrs. Gribling holds membership with the Christian church. His fraternal relations are with Mansfield Lodge, No. 161, I. O. O. F. Mr. Gribling is today the only representative of either his father's or mother's families in Richland county. His present home has been in possession of the family for almost a half century and no man in Richland county is more

highly respected. He has never deviated from the path of right and duty, and whether in private life, in official service or in business dealings his relations with those with whom he has come in contact have ever been in strict conformity to the principles of the Golden Rule.

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### WILLIAM LINN.

William Linn, who resided on his home place in Waller township continuously from 1875, until his death, was born in Stark county, Ohio, April 14, 1848, the son of John and Susannah (Stock) Linn. His father was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, in 1812, and in early manhood located in Stark county, Ohio, where he engaged in farming. On August 23, 1833, he wedded Susannah Stock, who was born September 17, 1816, and was, therefore, but seventeen years of age at the time of her marriage. They pursued life's journey together for over half a century, residing continuously on the old home place in Stark county. There the mother passed away July 26, 1888, while the father died December 6, 1884.

William Linn remained at home with his parents until twenty-six years of age, and received his education in the common schools. On November 11, 1875, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann Clingan, who was born in Weller township, July 4, 1854, the daughter of Thomas and Martha (Figley) Clingan. The Clingan family were among the pioneer settlers of this county, locating here prior to 1820, and entering a great deal of government land. Thomas Clingan was born in Weller township in 1825. He wedded Martha Figley, who was born in Ashland county in 1828. They became the parents of six children, of whom four are now living, namely: Mary Ann, the wife of our subject; Albert H., and John, both of whom reside in Weller township; and Edward, who resides at Pavonia, this county. The father died on the home farm in 1885, while the mother survived him for twenty-two years, passing away in 1907.

Following his marriage Mr. Linn purchased his farm of fifty-seven acres, which has since served as a home for his family. He remodeled the house, built a large barn and added such other buildings and improvements as were necessary in the profitable conduct of his farming operations. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Linn were born ten children, five sons and five daughters, namely: Clara, the wife of Elmer Bryte, of Ashland county; Eula, the wife of Samuel Wirts, of Madison township; Roy, who married Edna Runyon, and resides in Weller township; Rhoda, the wife of Calvin Fisher, of Weller township; Pearl and Lee, who reside at home, farming the home farm; and Ada, Dale, Bennie C., and Maurice, all of whom reside at home with their mother.

Mr. Linn cast his ballot with the republican party and was elected to minor offices, having served as road supervisor, while for three years he was a member of the school board of his township. His religious faith was indicated by his attendance in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his estimable wife is a faithful member. Throughout his life he faithfully performed those duties which devolved upon him, in the accomplishment of

which he found his greatest satisfaction, and he was richly rewarded in the love and respect of his family, and the esteem and honor in which he was held by the entire community. He died very suddenly August 19, 1908, dropping dead from apoplexy in Mansfield, and the entire community, as well as his immediate family, mourned his loss.

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### GEORGE KNOFFLOCK.

George Knofflock, as chief of the fire department of Mansfield, is filling a position which requires the same soldierly qualities of fidelity and valor which was manifest during his four years' service as a defender of the Union cause in the Civil war. He has every reason to be proud of an excellent military record, for he met the enemy on many of the most hotly contested battlefields of the south. His birth occurred in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 3, 1847, his parents being Michael and Mary (McNeely) Knofflock. The father was born in Bavaria and served as a sailor in the American navy and a soldier during the Mexican war, and also as a private in the war of the Rebellion. He was married after coming to this country, his wife being a native of Pennsylvania.

George Knofflock has been a resident of Mansfield since the 5th of April, 1861. He was at that time but fourteen years of age. Hardly had the smoke form Fort Sumter's guns cleared away when he offered his services in defense of the Union. His extreme youth, however, made it difficult for him to gain the right to serve as a soldier, but after several attempts made to enlist he was accepted July 27, 1861, as a private of Company E, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and after being mustered in at Mansfield went to West Virginia. He participated in the engagements at Greenbriar River, October 3, 1861; Allegheny Mountain, December 13, 1861; Pull Pasture, May 8, 1862; Cross Keys, June 8, 1862, and Port Republic on the 9th of June. On the 15th of September of the same year he was captured at Harper's Ferry, together with the entire regiment, but was at once paroled and exchanged in January, 1863, when he rejoined his command. The Thirty-second Ohio then proceeded to the main part of the army at Memphis, Tennessee, and was assigned to the Third Brigade of the Third Division of the Seventeenth Army Corps. Leaving Memphis they went to Lake Providence, Louisiana, afterward to Berry's Landing and to Millikin's Bend, marching thence to Hard Times Landing and crossing the Mississippi river to Bruinsburg, Mississippi, on steamers which ran the blockade. They next went on a forced march to assist the Thirteenth Army Corps, which had previously crossed, and after reinforcing the Thirteenth Corps they participated in the battle of Port Gibson, May 1, 1863; Raymond, May 12, 1863, and the capture of Jackson, Mississippi, on the 14th of May. At the battle of Champion's Hill on the 16th of May, the Thirty-second Ohio captured the First Mississippi Battery. Later they crossed to Big Black River on Jackson road and thence proceeded to Vicksburg, participating in the siege of that city, which con-



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tinued from the 20th of May until its surrender on the 4th of July. There Mr. Knofflock was assigned to provost duty and while encamped at Vicksburg participated in several movements of the troops in the interior of Mississippi and Louisiana. At the call for reenlistments of the regiments in the field he reenlisted December 9, 1863. He then joined Sherman's army on its raid to Meridian, Mississippi, and after the return of the regiment embarked at Vicksburg and started home on a veteran's furlough, reassembling after thirty days at Columbus, Ohio. From that point they were transported by a train and steamer and the Seventeenth Army Corps mobilized at Cairo, Illinois, proceeding thence by steamer up the Ohio river to the mouth of the Tennessee river and by way of the latter stream to Clifton, Tennessee. Leaving the steamer at that town the troops marched to reinforce Sherman's army, which had started on the Atlanta campaign, getting into line at Acworth, Georgia. From that time on until the close of the war the Thirty-second Ohio was with Sherman's troops. Mr. Knofflock participated in the battles of Big Shanty and Kenesaw Mountain and, crossing the Chattahoochee river at Roswell, was in engagements on the 20th, 21st and 22d of July. The troops then swung to the rear of Hood's army, taking part in the engagement at Jonesboro, Georgia, and following the evacuation of Atlanta they went to East Point. When Hood threw his army in the rear of Sherman they followed him to Gaylesville, Alabama, and after the separation of General Sherman's forces the Fourth and Twenty-third Army Corps followed Hood northward, while the Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Seventeenth Army Corps swung around again to Atlanta, joined the Twentieth Army Corps and on the 18th of November started on the famous march to the sea. Following the capture of Savannah, Georgia, they moved north through South Carolina and in this military movement Mr. Knofflock participated in the battles of Pocataligo and Salkahatchie Swamp. He then marched on to Orangeburg, South Carolina, to Columbia, to Chesaw, to Bennettsville, to Fayetteville and participated in the engagement at Bentonville. Later the troops proceeded to Goldsboro, on to Raleigh, then to Danville and later to Petersburg, Richmond, Fredericksburg, Alexandria and to Washington, where Mr. Knofflock with his command participated in the grand review—the most celebrated military pageant ever seen on the western hemisphere. Thousands of victorious Union troops marched through the streets of the city and passed the reviewing stand, where the president and other notables of the nation stood greeting the soldiers on their return, while over broad Pennsylvania avenue swung a banner bearing these words: "The only debt which our country cannot pay is the one that she owes her soldiers." From Washington the troops proceeded to Parkersburg, West Virginia, by rail, and thence by steamer to Louisville, Kentucky, being discharged at Columbus, Ohio, July 27, 1865. Thus after four years' faithful and valorous service Mr. Knofflock returned to the pursuits of civil life.

Locating at Mansfield, Ohio, he at once joined No. 1 fire company on the 2d of September, 1865, as a volunteer fireman and has been continuously since in the service. On the 1st of June, 1885, he was promoted to the position of chief of the department and has so continued to the present time.

On the 1st of December, 1869, he entered the employ of the Aultman-Taylor Company, with which he continued until he resigned July 1, 1907, and has since given his entire time and attention to his duties as chief of the city fire department.

Mr. Knofflock has been married twice. He first wedded Alvena McMillen, of Mansfield, who died in 1872, leaving one son, George, who yet resides in this city. For his second wife Mr. Knofflock chose Caroline H. Smith, of Mansfield, and they have two children, Archer D. and Julia F., both of Mansfield. Mr. Knofflock is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the lodge, chapter and commandery. He is also connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a most valued, active and prominent member of Post No. 131, G. A. R., of which he was commander over twenty years ago. The chief characteristic of his life perhaps has been his fidelity and faithfulness. This was manifest on the field of battle and has been a salient feature in his connection with the fire department. He commands the respect of all who know him and few men of his years can boast of such an excellent and irreproachable military record. His feeling toward his old army comrades is excellently shown in an article which he wrote entitled "Memorial Day," in which he vividly portrays scenes in connection with the war and pays his tribute to those heroes who fell in the strife or have since answered to the last roll call.

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#### ARTHUR S. HUGHES.

Arthur S. Hughes, making the steady progress that should always come through experience and the careful directing of one's powers and native talents, has worked his way upward from an apprenticeship until he stands today as one of the leading representatives of industry in Mansfield. He is well known in this city and in fact throughout this part of the state as the senior partner of the firm of Hughes & Keenan, boiler manufacturers. His life record began in Mansfield, November 13, 1879, his birthplace being the old family home at 117 Glessner avenue. His father, John Hughes, was also a native of this county and was born near Black Fork. He was of Pennsylvania-Dutch descent and came to Mansfield about forty-five years ago, since which time he has engaged continuously in the ice business. To this undertaking he now gives his entire time but for some years engaged in street contracting as well. At the time of the Civil war he rendered active allegiance to his country on the field of battle and is one of the honored veterans of the long civil conflict. Although he has reached the allotted age of three score years and ten he seems a man of much younger age and in spirit and interests as well as in physical activity seems yet in his prime. He married Martha O'Neil, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Ashland county in her girlhood days. She is still living at the age of sixty-five years. In their family were seven children, of whom six are living: Della, the wife of Charles Beck, of Mansfield; Millie, the wife of E. A. Evans, also of this city; Judson W., directing engineer for a

boiler concern and a resident of Mansfield; Charles Henry, assistant cashier of the Richland Savings Bank; Arthur S.; and Frank, a machinist of Mansfield.

Arthur S. Hughes acquired his education in the public schools of this city, supplemented by study under the direction of correspondence schools after he had entered the field of business. At the age of seventeen years he entered upon an apprenticeship as boilermaker with the Aultman-Taylor Company, with whom he remained for eleven years. When nineteen years of age he was sent to South America by that company and spent two years there and in the West Indies, directing engineering. He also traveled for six years with the Aultman-Taylor Company as a directing engineer, visiting every state in the Union. In recognition of his ability he received rapid promotion and during the last two years of his connection with the company, was assistant foreman of the boiler department, planned the work and did the drafting for the shop. The man of ambition is never content, however, to remain in the employ of others and Mr. Hughes eagerly availed himself of the opportunity of engaging in business on his own account. In October, 1906, he formed a partnership with Thomas Keenan under the firm style of Hughes & Keenan and established his present business, directing a factory for the manufacture of boilers, tanks and general sheet and structural iron work. From the beginning the new enterprise has proved successful and the firm has enjoyed all the business which it can handle. He also has various other interests and investments, including his residence at 117 Glessner avenue.

On the 24th of December, 1902, Mr. Hughes was married to Miss Bessie Morgan, a daughter of Arthur Morgan, an engineer at the sewerage disposal plant for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have two children—Alberta May, two years of age, and Mary Helen, one year old.

In politics Mr. Hughes is a republican, but not strongly partisan. He holds membership with the First Christian church, and is interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the city. Formerly active in baseball and outdoor sports, he now finds that his business leaves him no time for participation therein and his energies and attention are successfully directed to the upbuilding and developing of the business which is already one of the profitable, industrial concerns of Mansfield.

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#### GIDEON A. OLIN.

Gideon A. Olin is perhaps one of the oldest native born sons of Richland county now residing within its borders. He is the owner of a good farm of one hundred and thirty acres, situated in Jefferson township, and is still actively engaged in agricultural pursuits, although he has passed the seventieth milestone on the journey of life. He was born on a farm in Washington township, November 29, 1838, a son of Nathaniel Green and Phoebe (Roberts) Olin, the former born in Shaftsbury, Vermont, in 1805, while the mother's birth occurred in Wallingford, that state. The father removed from his

native state to Richland county in 1838 and here purchased one hundred acres of land in Washington township, for which he paid seventeen dollars and a half per acre. He made his home there for many years, but later removed to a farm in Jefferson township, where his death occurred when he was seventy-six years of age. They became the parents of eleven children, of whom our subject is the third in order of birth. All grew to manhood and womanhood.

G. A. Olin was reared to the pursuits of farm life and acquired his education in the common schools. He remained with his father until he had reached the age of twenty-eight years, during which time he assisted in the operation of the home property. He then started out upon an independent business career by the purchase of forty acres and has since extended its boundaries until he is now in possession of one hundred and thirty acres, all of which is in a good state of cultivation. He has made many improvements upon this place and it is now one of the best farm properties in this section of the state.

In 1876 Mr. Olin was united in marriage to Miss Martha Ann Bowland, who was at that time a resident of this county, although her birth occurred in Lexington, this state. After traveling the journey of life together for twenty-three years this worthy couple was separated by the death of the wife in 1899. Their union was blessed with two sons. Nathaniel Green wedded Laura Stuff, by whom he had two children, Harold and Ada, but he passed away about four years ago. The younger son, George Herbert, wedded his brother's widow, and they have one daughter, Nellie.

Mr. Olin formerly gave his political support to the republican party, but for the past six years had supported the principles of the democratic party. He is a representative of our best type of American manhood and chivalry. Through persistent effort, determination and energy he has surmounted every obstacle which has barred his path and has worked his way upward to success until today he stands as one of the substantial citizens of his section of the state.

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#### JOHN HENRY HESS.

John Henry Hess is one of the enterprising and progressive young farmers of Richland county, and in connection with his father, is operating one of the largest tracts of land in this section of the state. He is a native son of the county, his birth having occurred on a farm in Springfield township, August 22, 1863. He is the eldest of three children born of the marriage of Reuben and Margaret A. (Leppo) Hess, of whom mention is made below. The other children are: Sarah A., the wife of W. W. Kohler, of Franklin township; and T. W., who is married and is at home.

John Henry Hess, whose name introduces this review, was reared on the home farm and remained with his parents until he had reached the age of twenty-five years. He was then married, November 20, 1888, to Miss Carrie Craighead, a daughter of David and Eliza Craighead.

Following his marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hess began their domestic life upon one hundred and sixty acres of land belonging to his father, and here he still makes his home. In addition to this tract he also farms one hundred acres belonging to J. W. Leppo, of Shelby. He raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, following the most modern and advanced methods in his work and he also raises stock to some extent. During the harvest season he operates a threshing machine in partnership with his brothers-in-law, under the name of J. H. Hess & Company. For the past four years they have been thus engaged and in this connection have a wide acquaintance throughout various sections of the county.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hess has been blessed with three children: Pearl Grace, who died when an infant of nineteen days; one who died in infancy; and Kenneth Elwood. The political views of Mr. Hess accord with the principles and policy of the democratic party, and he has been called to fill some local offices. On the 14th of May, 1908, he was appointed trustee of Jackson township to fill a vacancy, while for three years he served on the school board, acting as president of the board for two years. He is also a director on the board of the Richland County Agricultural Society, having served for four years. He ever takes a lively interest in public affairs, lending his aid and influence in the cause of every good movement and heartily promoting the progress and advancement of his community.

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#### REUBEN HESS.

Reuben Hess, who owns and cultivates three hundred and twenty acres of rich and arable land on section 35, Jackson township, was born in Lisbon, Columbiana county, Ohio, January 3, 1841, and when a little lad of four years removed to Delaware county, Ohio, with his parents, Henry and Sarah (Bechtel) Hess, the former born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, in 1811, and the latter in Northampton county, that state, in 1815. They were married in Columbiana county, Ohio, where they made their home for a few years, but later took up their abode in Galion, Crawford county, where they lived from 1855 until 1859. In the latter year, the father purchased a farm in Jackson township and was identified with the agricultural interests of this section of the state throughout a long period. He passed away in Madison township, this county, when he had reached the age of sixty-four years, while his widow survived and passed away at the advanced age of eighty-six years. Their family numbered eight children, as follows: Reuben; William, a resident of Mifflin township; George, who makes his home in Delaware county; Emanuel and Mary E., who have departed this life; Isaac, also deceased; Mrs. Amanda C. Dutcher, a widow, residing in Los Angeles, California; and Mrs. Flora J. Terman, who resides in Mansfield.

Reuben Hess, the eldest child in his father's family, accompanied his parents on their various removals until they took up their abode in Galion, Crawford county, in 1855. During that summer he came to Richland county

and secured work on a farm. In the fall of that year he made his way to Delaware county, where he was employed in a similar capacity. Two years later, in 1857, he came to Jackson township and worked for John Leppo, whose daughter afterward became his wife. He remained in the employ of Mr. Leppo for eight months and in the following year was employed on a farm north of Shelby. In 1859 the father purchased a farm in Jackson township and the son joined him, remaining thereon until 1862, when he was married and established a home of his own, his union being with Miss Margaret A. Leppo, who was born January 7, 1841, a daughter of John and Mary Ann (Heller) Leppo, both natives of Washington county, Maryland, where they were reared and married. They came to Richland county about 1833, and here the father engaged in farming until the time of his death, owning at one time five hundred acres of land, which he divided among his children, numbering nine, of whom five reached mature years. The mother died in 1887, when she had reached the age of seventy-three years, while the father survived for many years, his death occurring in 1900, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty years.

Following the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hess, they took up their abode upon a tract of land in Springfield township belonging to the father of Mrs. Hess. In 1864, however, Mr. Hess removed to his present farm, comprising three hundred and twenty acres, situated on section 26, Jackson township. He rented this land for twelve years, after which he purchased the property. He has improved the place with good buildings, having in 1884 erected a brick house containing twelve rooms, and he also built a good bank barn and has erected many other substantial outbuildings. He now has two complete sets, and in connection with his son, is carrying on agricultural pursuits on a large scale. He is also engaged in raising stock, and this branch of his business is proving very profitable to him.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hess has been blessed with three children, namely: John Henry; Sarah Ann, the wife of W. W. Kohler, a resident of Franklin township; and Thomas William, who wedded Jessie A. Moon and resides on the home farm. They have a family of five children.

Mr. Hess has been a life-long democrat, and for two terms he served as trustee of the township and has acted as school director. Such, in brief, is the life history of Reuben Hess. In whatever relation of life we find him—in political circles, in business or in social relations—he is always the same honorable and honored gentleman, whose worth merits the high regard which is extended him.

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#### SAMUEL EDWIN FINDLEY, M. D.

Dr. Samuel Edwin Findley belongs to that class of citizens who are leaving their impress for good upon the public life of the community. In his profession he has gained more than local distinction, while his business ability is manifest in several other lines. His co-operation in affairs of moment

to the city is proving an effective force for its upbuilding and advancement, and, therefore, he deserves classification with its representative residents. He was born in Chetopa, Kansas, October 22, 1871, a son of the Rev. W. A. and Maggie (Gordon) Findley, the former a native of New Concord, Ohio, and the latter of Allegheny, Pennsylvania. His parents now reside in Seattle, Washington, where the father officiates as minister of a United Presbyterian church. Of their family of nine children, seven still survive.

When still very young Dr. Findley accompanied his parents on their removal from Chetopa to Independence, Missouri, where he was graduated from the high school at the age of fifteen years. Subsequently he entered Monmouth College, at Monmouth, Illinois, and received the Bachelor of Arts degree from that institution when twenty-two years of age. Determining upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he became a student in Rush Medical College of Chicago, and when he had completed the prescribed course was graduated with honors in a class of three hundred and thirty. He supplemented his professional knowledge by spending considerable time, when a college student, in the Cook County, Presbyterian and St. Elizabeth hospitals, and thus greatly augmented his ability through his observations of the methods of prominent physicians and surgeons as well as through the practical experience which he gained in those institutions. Continued reading and study have supplemented his collegiate course, and in 1906 he pursued a post-graduate course in the Chicago Post-Graduate School. For two years following his graduation he practiced his profession in association with Dr. Blair, his former preceptor, and in 1897 came to Mansfield, Ohio, where he has since been recognized as an able and successful representative of the medical fraternity. By his labors, his high professional attainments and his sterling characteristics he has justified the respect and confidence in which he is held by the medical fraternity and the local public. He has held all of the offices of the Richland County Medical Society, and is likewise a member of the Ohio State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, while of the Bankers' Life Insurance Company and the Cleveland Life Insurance Company he is examining physician. He is also acting as surgeon for the Mansfield division of the Cleveland Southwestern Railroad. Aside from his professional labors Dr. Findley has displayed excellent business ability and management in the conduct of his farming enterprises. He owns one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in Weller township, studies and carries on farming from the scientific standpoint, enriching the soil after the most approved modern methods and improving his products through experiment and investigation. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Savings & Trust Company Bank.

On the 25th of October, 1899, Dr. Findley was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Carpenter, a daughter of George Carpenter, a pioneer of Mansfield. In his fraternal relations he is a Mason, and in the daily discharge of his professional duties exemplifies the beneficent teachings of the craft. Both he and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian church and also hold membership relations with the Country Club. In his political views Dr. Findley is a republican, and is now serving as a central committeeman of

his district. He is not a politician in the sense of office seeking, but takes an interest for the sake of clean politics, and at all times stands for a strict observance of law, whether it be on the part of the individual, of a corporation or of an organization. His position is never an equivocal one, for on the contrary he stands stanchly in support of what he believes to be for the welfare and best interests of the community.

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#### CLARK BURTON HINES.

Clark Burton Hines, a prominent Richland county attorney, was born February 6, 1860, in Bellville, Richland county, Ohio, and is the son of Benjamin F. and Mary J. (Armstrong) Hines. He represents an old southern family, his grandfather, Philip Hines, having been born in Maryland, whence he came to Ohio at an early day, settling in the southern part of Richland county. He was a farmer by occupation and lived to an advanced age. His wife bore the maiden name of Lydia Root; also belonged to a prominent Maryland family near Hagerstown. Their son, Benjamin F. Hines, was born in Richland county, September 26, 1829, on his father's farm south of Bellville, and died March 23, 1893. Mrs. Mary J. Hines was born in Richland county, four miles south of Bellville, on the old state road, July 4, 1827, and is the daughter of Isaac and Mary (Strong) Armstrong. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hines were married August 12, 1850, and the same year took up their residence in Bellville, where Mr. Hines engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes for a number of years, and, prospering, bought several valuable farms, to which in later years he devoted his attention. In politics he was a democrat and held a number of township and municipal offices. Fraternally he was a member of the Masonic and the Odd Fellows fraternities. In the family were two sons and one daughter, but Clark B. is the only one living, the others dying in infancy.

B. F. Hines, the father of the subject of this sketch, was a gentleman, free from circuity and deceit, reasonable and just. In his business relations he was honest, faithful and capable. The solid qualities which he possessed—abundant common sense and cool judgment and a discriminating mind—led him to be regarded as one of the best business men in the community, and also led to his financial success.

Mrs. Mary J. Hines, the mother of the subject of this narrative, is passing her declining years in the old family home, happy in the companionship of her devoted son and his estimable young wife, and amid the friends and associates of a lifetime. Mrs. Hines has been a faithful wife, a loving mother and a good neighbor and faithful friend. It has been said that the highest compliment that can be given a woman is to say that she is a good mother, and surely Mrs. Hines is one of the best of mothers and an exemplary woman.

Clark Burton Hines was reared amid the refining influences of a good home, and in the public schools he acquired his primary education. He worked in his father's store at various intervals, thus acquiring a business



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training early in life. His preliminary studies were supplemented by a course in the high school at Mansfield and in a Cleveland college. After his father's death he conducted a boot and shoe business in Bellville with good success until 1899, when he sold out to devote his time wholly to his profession.

Clark B. Hines took up the study of law in 1885, and was admitted to the bar in 1896 and opened a law office in Bellville, equipped with a good law library, and growing gradually into practice soon had cases in the courts of Richland, Morrow and Knox counties. He carefully prepares his cases and protects every point of attack, and in his manipulation of evidence he is methodical and discriminating, is cool, calm and unshaken, and is not easily flung from his poise. He has now been engaged in the practice of law twelve years and by strict attention to his professional duties, by careful investigation of the legal questions that are brought before him for consideration, he is now recognized as one of the safe and reliable attorneys of the Richland county bar. As an attorney he is learned in the law and is familiar with precedents; as a counselor, he is careful and judicious; as an advocate, he is able and logical. He talks readily to the point without the use of superlatives; in manner he is unpretentious, honest, alert, firm and courageous and steadfast to his clients.

Mr. Hines wisely chose the law as his profession and life pursuit. The environment of his early years, its discipline, his school course and drill, the culture that comes from books and study, his success as a lawyer and the standard in his profession to which he has risen, all attest the wisdom of his choice. It can truthfully be said of Mr. Hines that his uniform sincerity inspires confidence. Confucius recognized the worth of this class of men when he said, "Faithfulness and sincerity are the highest things." Carlyle wrote, "I should say sincerity is the first characteristic of all men in any way prominent."

Mr. Hines was admitted to practice in the supreme court of the United States at Washington, D. C., April 30, 1908, and on July 15 of the same year he formed a partnership with Samuel Marriott, of Mansfield, and the firm is now located in the Carpenter block, corner of Main and Third streets. Mr. Marriott is one of the most prominent lawyers in Richland county and his knowledge of the law is never questioned, in fact he is called the walking encyclopedia of the Mansfield bar. This partnership, so auspiciously formed, will doubtless prove beneficial to each of the firm.

Mr. Hines still retains his law office in Bellville, as a matter both of convenience and sentiment, for his residence is there, and before coming to Mansfield he had served three terms as mayor of that village.

Clark B. Hines was married, April 15, 1908, to Miss Eva S. Tucker, daughter of D. F. and Mary (Welty) Tucker, of Monroe township. Eva S. (Tucker) Hines was born June 25, 1869. Her father is a wealthy and influential farmer of Monroe township. The Tuckers are of New England origin and are noted for their industry, thrift and upright character.

In the years gone by the writer of this sketch lived next door to the Hines family and has known Clark B. Hines as boy and man for over forty years, and can attest to the good qualities of his life, which has been an interesting one. The only child of wealthy parents, he had good advantages in his youth

which he was not slow to improve. The natural trend of his mind was to the law, but there were obstacles in his path—not those of poverty, which so many young men have encountered—but those of wealth. He had business interests to look after, farms to superintend and a store to manage, all of which he did successfully, but he did not permit their cares nor allurements to detract his mind from the course he had marked out, and the result is that he now is one of the most prominent lawyers of the Mansfield bar.

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#### J. F. CRAIGLOW.

A good farm of one hundred and sixteen acres on section 21, Springfield township, pays tribute to the care and labor which J. F. Craiglow bestows upon it. The greater part of his life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits and long experience has given him ability in carrying on the farm work. He was born in this county September 25, 1847, his parents being J. H. and Sophia (Myers) Craiglow, also natives of Ohio. The father's birth occurred in Richland county, while the mother was born in Stark county. He died October 27, 1881, and Mrs. Craiglow, surviving him for about seven years, passed away August 21, 1888. They were the parents of the following children: Jacob, who died while serving in the Civil war; J. F., of this review; Sarah E., the wife of John Huss, of this county; Charles, deceased; Hannah N., the wife of John Barber; Margaret M., the wife of Fremont Crall, of this county; Elmira, the wife of N. Pluck, of Mansfield; and two who died in infancy.

J. F. Craiglow well deserves to be termed a self-made man and merits all the praise that the term implies, for he started out in life on his own account when but ten years of age, working at farm labor for fourteen years, during which time he acquired, through his industry and economy, the capital that enabled him to purchase eighty acres of land. He became owner of a tract of that size in Van Wert county, Ohio, but after eighteen months sold the property and then again worked as a farm hand for two years. He then purchased the farm upon which he now resides, comprising one hundred and sixteen acres of rich and productive land on section 21, Springfield township. He has cultivated his fields until they bring forth rich and abundant harvests and his labors are attended with a gratifying measure of success.

On the 7th of March, 1872, Mr. Craiglow was married to Miss Mary E. Neal, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, in 1848. Her father, Joseph Neal, was a native of the same county, born in 1818, while his wife was born in 1819, in Chambersburg, Franklin county, Pennsylvania. Their family numbered ten children. The father died in 1903 and the mother passed away in 1890. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Craiglow has been blessed with four children: William E., who was born April 15, 1873, was married and lives in Kansas City, Missouri, where he is manager of the telephone company; Mercelles D., born July 10, 1878, is manager for a telephone company in Salt Lake City, Utah; Mary S. is the wife of Alfonzo Mabee, and Venus Baron completes the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Craiglow are both earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he belongs to the Masonic lodge at Shelby, in which he has served in several official positions. His political support is always given to the republican party, for he believes that its principles are most conducive to good government. He owes his success entirely to his own efforts and the assistance of his estimable wife, who has indeed been a faithful helpmate on life's journey. When they first located on the farm where they now live there was only a small log cabin eighteen by twenty feet, and in it they lived for seventeen years, after which they erected their present modern and comfortable farm residence. Other improvements have been added from time to time and the best machinery has been secured to facilitate the work of the fields, until the farm is today one of the well improved properties of Springfield township. Everything about the place indicates the careful supervision of the owner, whose labors are carefully directed by sound judgment and who in all of his work has been actuated by an honorable purpose and laudable ambition.

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#### T. P. PATTERSON.

T. P. Patterson, who carries on general farming on section 26, Springfield township, was born in this township November 7, 1850. His father, Robert Patterson, was a native of County Donegal, Ireland, and on coming to the United States, at the age of fifteen years, attracted by the broader business opportunities of the new world, he established his home in Harrison county, Ohio, near Cadiz, where he learned the tanner's trade. After following that occupation for about ten years he removed to Holmes county and invested the capital, which he had secured through his industry and diligence, in eighty acres of land, thus becoming identified with general agricultural pursuits. After operating the farm for three years he sold that property and removed to Springfield township, Richland county, arriving about 1830. Here he purchased two hundred and sixty-five acres of land, a part of which constitutes the farm now owned and operated by his son, T. P. Patterson. In 1824 Robert Patterson had been married to Miss Mary Himes, who was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, and was of Irish lineage. They became the parents of thirteen children. William H., the eldest, born November 29, 1829, served for twenty-one months as a soldier of the Union Army in the war of the Rebellion, and was wounded three times in the battle of Shiloh, and yet carries one ball in his foot. At length he was honorably discharged on account of disabilities resulting from the injuries he had sustained at the front. He was afterward for thirty years baggage master on the Pennsylvania Railroad, but is now living retired in Mansfield. Dr. Alexander Patterson, the second son, was born April 9, 1831, and died in 1893, at which time he was one of the oldest medical practitioners in Richland county in years of continuous connection with the profession here. He, too, did valuable aid for his country in the dark days of the Civil war, serving first as first sergeant of

the One Hundred and Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, while later he was promoted to post sergeant, holding that rank at the time he was discharged. Sarah Ann Patterson, the third member of the family, was born June 23, 1832, and is the wife of Job Race, a retired contractor and builder of Trenton, Grundy county, Missouri. Jane, born February 7, 1834, died in 1853. John, born July 22, 1835, is living in Topeka, Kansas. James, born May 1, 1837, is now engaged in the hardware business in Denver, Colorado. Robert, born January 10, 1839, died at the age of sixty-eight years. He served for three years in the First Ohio Independent Battery, and at the close of the war returned to Springfield township, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits until his death. Elizabeth, born July 7, 1842, is the widow of Brown Stewart, and is located at Trenton, Missouri. Henry Clay, born May 14, 1844, also served in the Civil war, and laid down his life on the altar of his country, dying at Dalton, Georgia, in the army hospital from a complication of diseases brought on by exposure and the hardships of war. Mary Malissa, born April 17, 1846, was married October 20, 1870, to Marion Francis Young, a carpenter of Mansfield, Ohio, but after a short married life of three years the husband died. He had previously served for three years in the First Ohio Independent Battery, enlisting when but fifteen years of age. After his death Mrs. Young returned to the old homestead and has since lived with her brother, T. P. Patterson. Emma Loretta, born October 22, 1847, is the wife of James B. Patton, of Trenton, Missouri. T. P. Patterson is the youngest of the family.

Robert Patterson, the father of these children, lived a life that was beyond criticism. He was a faithful, consistent and helpful member of the Methodist Protestant church for fifty-six years, and died in that faith January 13, 1887, being laid to rest in Marlow cemetery in Springfield township. His life was characteristic of all that is noblest and best in manhood and of him it might be said, as it was of the man of old, "Behold an Israelite in whom there is no guile." His good wife and faithful companion followed him to the grave five years later.

In taking up the personal history of T. P. Patterson we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in Richland county, for his entire life has been passed in Springfield township. He pursued his education in the district schools, and the occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work. He early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and as the years have passed has devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits. He has also made a specialty of raising blooded horses and cattle and bred Charles Vogle, the Hambletonian colt which later sold at Jersey City, New Jersey, for five thousand dollars. He now has upon his place some valuable stock, and at present owns and cultivates one hundred and fifteen acres of rich and productive land situated on section 26, Springfield township.

On the 3d of October, 1883, Mr. Patterson was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Keller, a resident of this township. His political views are in accord with the republican platform, but while he has never sought nor desired office, he has always been loyal in citizenship and interested in the welfare and

progress of his native county. The family is an old one here, having been represented in the county for seventy-eight years, and its members have taken an active part in the development and progress of this locality.

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#### HIRAM W. HILDEBRANT.

Carlisle has said "biography is the most interesting, as well as the most profitable, of all reading." There is no history which the American public holds in higher esteem than that of a man who, without special advantages at the outset of his career, wins for himself an honorable name and place in the business world. This Hiram W. Hildebrant has done, recognizing the fact that while opportunity is open to all there must be in the individual the power and desire to utilize this opportunity. A native of New York, Mr. Hildebrant was born in Lockport, Niagara county, in 1844, his parents being Frederick and Cornelia (Snyder) Hildebrant, also natives of that state. Both are now deceased, the former having died in October, 1848, at the age of forty-four years, while the mother's death occurred in January, 1872, when she was sixty-six years of age. Their family numbered eight children, and the subject of this review was but four years old at the time of his father's demise. The removal of the family to Shelby, Ohio, enabled him to pursue his education in the public schools, and passing through consecutive grades he at length completed the high-school course. Early in his business career he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for five years, beginning in 1868. He has engaged continuously in the real-estate and insurance business since 1872 and stands as one of the foremost representatives of these lines in Richland county. He became one of the organizers of the Plate Glass Insurance Company, and at that time was chosen vice president, in which position he continued until elected to the presidency in 1896. He was also chosen the chief executive officer of the Building & Loan Association of Shelby and was elected to the presidency of the Shelby Stove Company upon its organization in May, 1900. This company was organized for the purpose of manufacturing gas and gasoline stoves and was capitalized for fifty thousand dollars. These interests, however, do not cover the extent of Mr. Hildebrant's connection with business affairs in Shelby. He is a man of marked fertility of resources, who has the ability to plan and to perform and to associate into a harmonious whole many complex and even diverse business interests. He is well known in financial circles as the vice president and director of the Citizens Bank, having been associated therewith in those official capacities since its organization in 1895. He is also a stockholder in the Ohio Seamless Tube Company, the Shelby Electrical Company and the Sutter Furniture Company. Whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion, knowing that industry and perseverance constitute an excellent foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of success. His plans, too, are always well defined and he prosecutes them with a determination formed of unfaltering energy.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Hildebrant was married in December, 1869, to Miss Adelaide Gamble, whose father, Judge Hugh Gamble, of Shelby, was one of the pioneer residents of this portion of the state. Of their three children, the eldest, Carlos M., who was born in December, 1871, was thrown from a horse and killed in October, 1885. Hugh G., born in August, 1873, is now cashier of the Citizens Bank. Bessie Fay was born in 1882 and is the only daughter.

Mr. Hildebrant has always been deeply interested in municipal affairs and while his business interests have contributed in substantial measure to the material progress and welfare of the community he has also aided in many other and more direct ways in promoting the city's growth and interests. The cause of education found in him a stalwart champion during his eighteen years' service on the school board, of which he continuously served as clerk with the exception of one year. He filled the office of justice of the peace for twenty-four years, and his decisions have "won golden opinions from all sorts of people." He was elected city clerk about 1874, and when he had held the position for about a half term was chosen by popular suffrage to the office of mayor, wherein he was retained by general election for three consecutive terms. His administration was characterized by needed reforms and improvements and won for him the thorough confidence and regard of the public. Fraternally Mr. Hildebrant is connected with the Masons and with the Knights of Pythias, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. While it is a common thing to point to the lives of those who have lived many years ago that one may gain inspiration and encouragement therefrom, it is needless to go to the past for examples that are worthy of emulation. Such a career as Mr. Hildebrant's proves conclusively what can be accomplished through intense and well directed activity. He has learned to make the best use of his opportunities and powers, and to weave into a composite, but harmonious whole, the different threads of activity, at all times placing his dependence upon unremitting diligence, honorable purpose and unfaltering integrity.

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#### MARTHA CROUCH.

Martha Crouch is a representative of one of the old families of Richland county, Ohio. She is a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and came with her parents to this county in 1850. Here her father, Boyd Mercer Crouch, purchased the farm upon which his two daughters now reside, and the old buildings still stand that were erected here over eighty years ago. They have been mute witnesses of the many changes which have occurred, and are landmarks in the locality. For a long period the father carried on general agricultural pursuits, bringing his land under a high state of cultivation, and converting it into very productive fields. In his family were the following children: Maria, now the wife of Rev. Charles Knepper, a resident of Pennsylvania; Martha, who is living on the old homestead; James, deceased;

and Belle, who resides with her sister Martha. There was also one child who died in infancy.

Mr. Crouch was accounted one of the worthy farmers and reliable business men. He worked diligently year after year in cultivating his crops and as the years passed he won a fair measure of success. In relation to community affairs he also manifested a progressive spirit, always desiring the welfare of the county. In his dealings he was ever reliable, and those who knew him entertained for him warm regard in recognition of his sterling worth. He died in 1902 and his wife passed away about the same time, both being in their eightieth year when called to their final rest.

The two daughters, Martha and Bell Crouch, still reside upon the old homestead and give personal supervision to the operation of the farm of eighty acres, manifesting good business ability in its control. They are both members of the United Presbyterian church, and are held in high esteem in the community where they have now resided for more than a half century.

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#### MRS. SOPHIA JANE PARKER.

Among the ladies of Richland county who have extensive and valuable property possessions and display marked business ability and keen discernment in their control is numbered Mrs. Sophia Jane Parker, who is living on section 24, Perry township. Here an excellent farm of two hundred and twenty-one acres pays tribute to the care and labor which are bestowed upon it under her direction, so that she deserves a gratifying annual income from the property. She was born in Noble county, Indiana, November 25, 1849, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Amos Black. Her father was born in Maryland, while her mother was a native of Pennsylvania. Removing from the east to the middle west, they became residents of Indiana, where they lived for many years, but are now deceased.

Their daughter Sophia was one of a family of seven children and her girlhood days were spent under the parental roof, where she early became familiar with the work of the household, while in the public schools she acquired a good education. On the 15th of April, 1880, she became the wife of George W. Parker, who was born in Perry township, this county, July 17, 1838, a son of Robert and Elizabeth Parker, both of whom were natives of Maryland. They came to Ohio in the '20s, settling in Richland county, and here they reared their family of eleven children. George W. Parker early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He worked in the fields through the summer months, and attended the district schools in the winter season. After attaining his majority he engaged in farming on his own account, and throughout his entire life he carried on the work of tilling the soil. He made many substantial improvements upon his place, cultivated the fields in accordance with modern methods and annually gathered rich crops, which found a ready sale on the market and brought to him a good financial return.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Parker were born three children: Blanche, who died at the age of four years; Florence E., the wife of Harry E. Cook, now a resident of Morrow county, Ohio; and Harry A., at home. The son is living with his mother, and operates the home farm, which he has done since his father's death. Although but twenty years of age, he displays good business ability and enterprise, and is meeting with success in his business undertakings.

Mr. Parker was a democrat and took an active interest in politics, keeping always well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He desired the upbuilding of the county along substantial lines, and gave his cooperation to many movements for the public good. In his business affairs, too, he was found thoroughly reliable as well as energetic and he made for himself a creditable name in agricultural circles. He died June 11, 1904. Mrs. Parker now owns and occupies the farm of two hundred and twenty-one acres in Perry township. The land is splendidly improved, being equipped with all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm. She is a member of the Lutheran church, and her Christian faith guides her in all her acts and duties.

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#### WILLIAM GILCHRIST.

William Gilchrist is classed among the representative farmers and stock-raisers of Richland county, owning and operating a tract of eighty acres, situated on section 10, Jackson township. He was born near Savannah in Ashland county, this state, October 7, 1839, and in the maternal line comes of Irish ancestry. His parents were Robert and Martha (Gregg) Gilchrist, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter of Ireland. The family removed from Ashland county to Mahaska county, Iowa, in 1847 and there the mother passed away in 1850, while the father survived for only one year, his death occurring in 1851. Their family numbered three children, two daughters and a son, the sisters of our subject being, Mrs. Elizabeth Quinn, who is now deceased; and Mrs. Jennie Forbes, a resident of Ashland.

William Gilchrist was a little lad of eight years at the time of the parents' removal from Ashland county, this state, to Mahaska county, Iowa. He was only eleven years of age at the time of the mother's death and was left an orphan at the age of twelve. Following his parents' demise he and his two sisters were taken to Ashland county to make their home with an uncle, James Gregg, with whom Mr. Gilchrist remained until the fall of 1862. He then enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of the Tenth Ohio Cavalry, Army of the Cumberland, the regiment being under the command of Kilpatrick. He took part in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, Buzzards' Roost, Tunnel Hill, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain and Chattahoochie River, but was on scout duty the greater part of the time. In the fall of 1864 he was taken prisoner at Campbellton, Georgia, and was sent to Macon, where he was retained for about one month, and was then sent to the Lawton prison, where he remained for five weeks, subsequent to which time he was sent to



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Florence, South Carolina, where he was kept for three months. He was then paroled at Richmond and was discharged, June 12, 1865.

Returning to Ashland county, Mr. Gilchrist sought and secured employment on a farm, being thus employed until 1878. In the spring of that year he invested his money in the present homestead property, comprising eighty acres of land, situated on section 10, Jackson township. He has improved the place with good buildings, has tiled and fenced the land and has made it a model property. He is here engaged in general farming and stock-raising and in both branches of business is meeting with excellent success.

Mr. Gilchrist has been twice married, his first union being with Miss Almira M. Dunlap, whom he wedded in 1875. She was born in Richland county and died July 8, 1894, leaving five children, namely: Thomas O., of Ashtabula, Ohio; Mary M., the wife of Riley Bricker, of Shelby, Ohio; Nellie, the wife of George Funk, of Sharon township; Mrs. Lizzie Bell, who died in 1894; and Ruth, at home. For his second wife Mr. Gilchrist chose Margaret J. Brown, their marriage being celebrated in 1900. Her birth occurred in Ashland county, this state.

Mr. Gilchrist supports the men and measures of the republican party, but has never been active as an office seeker, for he has found that his time has been fully taken up by his private business affairs. He is a member of the Lutheran church at London. He may truly be called a self-made man, for he started out in life as a penniless orphan and in the years that have since come and gone has worked his way up in the business world until today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of Richland county, having won the confidence of all with whom he has had business dealings, for he ever adheres strictly to honest and honorable methods.

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#### WILLIAM B. MILLIKIN.

William B. Millikin, a retired farmer and traveling man, now residing in the village of Ontario, is numbered among Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred in Allen county, December 2, 1837. His father, Daniel Millikin, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1812, and was a farmer and merchant. The grandfather, John H. Millikin, was also a native of the Keystone state, and for a time resided in Fredericktown, Ohio, while just prior to the war of 1812 he removed to Washington county, Pennsylvania. After the outbreak of hostilities between this country and England he joined the army and did valiant service for the American cause. Upon his return from the war he removed to Springfield township, Richland county, Ohio, taking up his abode near what is now the site of the village of Ontario. Here he spent his remaining days and was closely associated with the pioneer development and progress of the locality. His son, Daniel Millikin, father of our subject, was reared in Springfield township, amid the wild scenes and environments of pioneer life. He built the first house in Ontario, and after living for some time there, removed to Allen county, Ohio, in 1836. He

continued to make the latter county his home until called to his final rest in 1883. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Minerva Bowers, was a native of Richland county and died in the year 1849. They were the parents of five children: William B., Hannah, Anna, Jerry, and Malissa. After losing his first wife the father married again in 1850, his second union being with Sarah Musser, who passed away a few years later. For his third wife Daniel Millikin chose Rachel Van Meter, whom he wedded in 1858. They had two children: Daniel Perry, who resides in Illinois; and Thomas B., who is living in Mansfield, Ohio.

William B. Millikin spent the first nineteen years of his life in the county of his nativity, and then arrived in Richland county with little education, and with a dollar and a half as a cash capital. He was ambitious for further intellectual development, however, and fitted himself for teaching in the district schools, after which he followed that profession in the winter seasons, while in the summer months he worked in the fields. At the time of the outbreak of the Civil war, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations and responded to the country's call, enlisting at Mansfield on the 11th of August, 1862, as a member of the One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. For three years he was at the front and was honorably discharged as second lieutenant of his company, August 27, 1865. He took an active part in some of the most sanguinary battles of the war, including the engagements at Chickasaw Bluff, December 8, 1862; Arkansas Post in January, 1863; and the siege and capture of Vicksburg in the same year. Later he was transferred to the department of the gulf and went to New Orleans. Later with his command he proceeded to Texas in the fall of 1863 and spent the winter at Plaquemine in Louisiana. In the spring of 1864 Mr. Millikin, then a commissioned officer, was sent down the river in charge of a company of men to build a mile of dyke. This work he successfully accomplished and the experience which he there acquired in the line of construction has been of marked benefit to him in his later years. In referring to this Mr. Millikin might well use the words of the late William McKinley, who said: "The time spent as a soldier was, I consider, the best schooling of my life, as it gave me an opportunity to learn men and affairs." After completing the dyke Mr. Millikin took part in the Red River campaign. While a part of the command was down the river on the steamboat City Bell, about forty miles below Alexandria, they were attacked by General Taylor and the vessel was captured, the troops being made prisoners of war. Mr. Millikin was among this number. The prisoners were taken to Alexandria and thence marched overland, a distance of one hundred and ten miles, to Camp Ford, near Tyler, Texas, where Mr. Millikin was incarcerated from May 23, 1864, until May 27, 1865, when the war was ended, and he was set free, being released on that date at the mouth of the Red river, and for the first time learned of the surrender of Lee, and the assassination of President Lincoln—events which had occurred in the middle of April, but no news thereof had been allowed to reach the Union soldiers. Mr. Millikin did not complain of his one year's incarceration, for he said that the conditions at Tyler were far superior to those at Andersonville or Libby; that they had plenty of good

water and a reasonable allowance of corn, which was ground just as nature left it—husk, cob and kernel—and then converted into food. While in prison Mr. Millikin was engaged most of the time in making coffins. On one occasion he was in possession of a three bladed knife which he had in some manner concealed from the guards. This he sold for twelve dollars in gold, while engaged upon negotiations whereby he could secure a better knife for ten dollars. The soldiers used many devices wherewith to while away the time, but the hours doubtless at times seemed very long when, in forced inactivity, they awaited the result of the efforts of their brother soldiers on the battlefield.

When the war ended Mr. Millikin returned to Richland county and for a brief period engaged in merchandising at Ontario. Six months later, however, he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 30, Springfield township, which he still owns. He cultivated this continuously until 1879, when he went upon the road as a traveling salesman, spending twenty years in that way, as representative of the Mansfield Machine Company, McDowell & Company, of Wooster, Ohio, and the Fremont Harvester Company, of Fremont, Ohio. He proved a most capable and successful traveling salesman. While on the road he made large collections, adjusted claims, etc., and his long connection with these different houses stood in incontrovertible evidence of his faithfulness and trustworthiness. He is now living retired in well earned rest, his energy and diligence in former years providing him with capital sufficient to enable him to enjoy life's comforts at the present time without further recourse to labor.

In 1861 Mr. Millikin was married to Miss Elizabeth Walker, who was born in Richland county. They now have four children: Emma; Mary, the wife of A. R. Caton, living near Chattanooga, Tennessee; Laura, who has taught school in Richland county and is classed among the best educators of the locality; and Stella, the wife of Dr. Marquand, of Conesville, Ohio.

All of the children have taught school and Mr. Millikin was also a school teacher for several years in early life, so that the family have done their full share in promoting educational interests. The eldest daughter, after teaching school for a number of years, entered the Ohio Medical University at Columbus. She was graduated with the class of 1898, winning the degree of M. D., after which she removed to Newark, Ohio, and opened an office. After remaining in practice there for a short time she returned to Ontario, where she has practiced continuously since, and is held in high esteem by the local medical fraternity as well as by the general public. Her professional duties now make heavy demands upon her time and energies, yet she always has a kind word and cheerful greeting for those in need of sympathy or encouragement. She owns a commodious residence in Ontario, which is now occupied by her father and mother.

Politically Mr. Millikin is a stanch republican, having given unswerving support to the party since its organization. He has served as trustee and assessor, and also in other local offices, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity. In the Millikin home we find the record of the family, tracing the name back two hundred and fifty years and giving

twenty-five different methods of orthography. The records also show that over two thousand Millikins took part in the Civil war. This work was published June 14, 1907, and Dr. Millikin gathered the data of this particular branch of the family. William B. Millikin has now passed the seventieth milestone on life's journey. He is a representative of one of the oldest families of Richland county and in a life of well directed activity has won the honor and respect of his fellowmen.

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#### WASHINGTON BOYCE.

In a history of Franklin township, it is imperative that mention be made of Washington Boyce, who was here born on the 28th of July, 1845, while in the intervening years he has been closely associated with its agricultural upbuilding and progress. His parents were Rowland and Priscilla (Kendall) Boyce. The father was born in Lincolnshire, England, May 22, 1817. His father was a tailor in England, but during the early boyhood of Rowland Boyce he came with his family to the new world, crossing the Atlantic on a sailing vessel which was ten weeks and two days in completing the trip, the voyage being a very tempestuous one. On the same boat the Kendall family were passengers, although it was some years later before Priscilla Kendall became the wife of Rowland Boyce. She was born in Lincolnshire, England, February 10, 1816, and her death occurred July 23, 1878. Mr. Boyce afterward married again, his second union being with Mary Anne Morthland on the 15th of January, 1879. His death occurred July 3, 1897. All of his children, five in number, were born of the first marriage, namely: George, who is a resident farmer of Franklin township; Mary, deceased; Washington; William, who follows farming in Franklin township; and Amos, a farmer of the same township. In his political views Rowland Boyce was a democrat, for his study of the questions of the day led him to the belief that the principles of that party were destined to prove most effective in advancing good government here. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Baptist church.

Washington Boyce was educated in the public schools of Franklin township and was at home through the period of his boyhood and youth. He continued to assist his father in carrying on the home farm until twenty-three years of age, when he started out in life on his own account, and has since been well known as an agriculturist of Franklin township. He took up his abode on his present farm at the time of his marriage, forty years ago, and here he owns and cultivates eighty-one acres of land. The soil is arable and very productive and responds readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. Here he carries on general farming, and twenty-four years ago he erected his present residence, while four years ago he built the substantial barn that is upon the place. He had also added modern equipments of various kinds and is a progressive agriculturist, who keeps in touch with the general advancement that characterizes modern agriculture.

In 1868 Mr. Boyce was married to Miss Sarah Gipe, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. They have become the parents of ten children: Amos F., the eldest, born in 1869, is now assisting in the operation of the home place. He wedded Miss Minnie Carnes, and they have three children: Hazel, Hattie and Byron. Della is the wife of Richard Whistler, of Iowa, and their children are Hester, William, Lewis and Ralph. Lizzie is the wife of William Mumau, and their children are Grace, Allen and Roy, while by a former marriage she had one child. Alice is the wife of Roy Sipe, and their children are Dexter, Damon and Leila. John married Miss Ollie Tucker, and is living in Madison township. George, a resident farmer of Franklin township, married Sena Baker, and they have four children, Lela, Charles, Emma and Iva. Albert, a resident farmer of Franklin township, wedded Rena Sipe, and they have two children, Maude and Sherman. Fannie is the wife of Curtis Laser, and they have three children, Willie, Lester and Austin. Rowland married Viola Mitchell, and Hugh is yet at home.

Mr. Boyce exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democracy and he and his wife are members of the Baptist church, in which he has served as treasurer for seven years. His life has been quietly passed in unfaltering devotion to his business affairs, nor has he ever been known to take advantage of the necessities of another in a business transaction. Year after year he has carried on the work of the farm, improving his opportunities to the best of his ability, and that he is now a prosperous agriculturist is attributable entirely to his own labors.

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#### L. F. CONDON.

L. F. Condon is the owner of a good farm of one hundred acres in Madison township and there, in connection with the cultivation of cereals best adapted to soil and climate, he also raises some stock. He was born in this county December 14, 1859, his parents being Elisha and Nancy Ann (Flora) Condon, of whom mention is made on another page of this volume, in connection with the sketch of B. F. Condon. The boyhood days of L. F. Condon were quietly passed upon the home farm, in the acquirement of an education and in the work of the fields. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-three years of age and was then married and started out in life on his own account. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Ollie J. Scott, who was born in Troy township, this county, October 20, 1861, a daughter of Thomas E. and Amanda (Marlowe) Scott, the former a native of Jefferson county, Ohio, and the latter of Richland county. In their family were eight children, namely: Mrs. Condon; Hattie E., the wife of F. E. Sipe, of Mansfield; Nettie, who is deceased; William, a resident of Butler, Richland county; Ida M., the wife of William Carter, also of Richland county; Winnie L., the wife of M. Mann, of Mason county, Ohio; John, who makes his home in Dayton, Ohio; and Katy Pearl, who has departed this life.

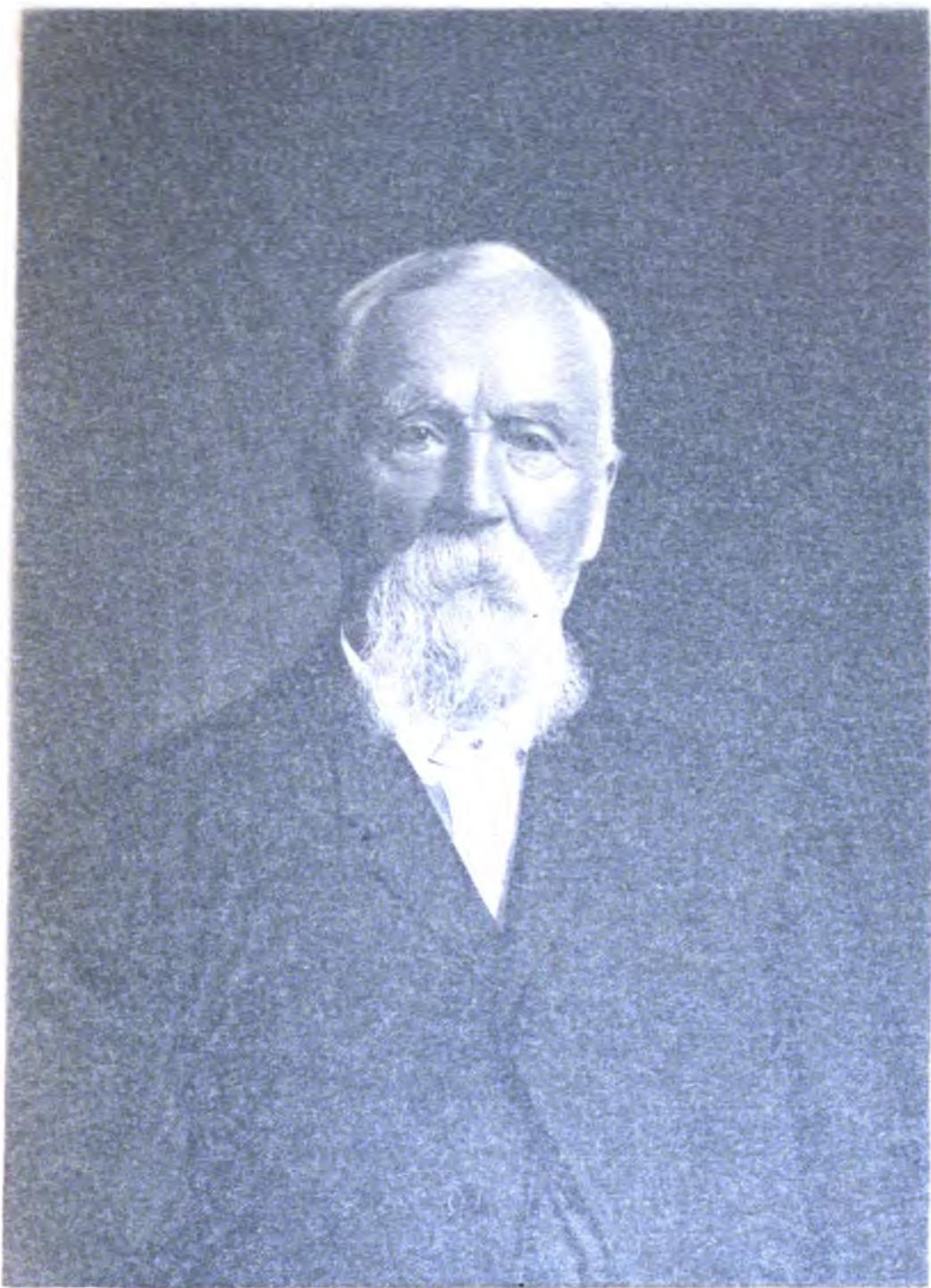
In early womanhood Mrs. Condon engaged in teaching school, following that profession for five years prior to her marriage. Following their marriage the young couple located on the old homestead, which Mr. Condon rented for nine years. He then purchased one hundred acres of the farm, which is located on section 19, Madison township, the soil being rich and arable. Here he raises stock to some extent and his farming interests are bringing him a good return; making him one of the substantial residents of the community. He is active and energetic in his business affairs and his unfaltering industry and capable management constitute the secret of his success.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Condon have been born a daughter and son: Bertha L., who was born in 1885, and is now the wife of Chalmer Shauck, a resident of Mansfield; and Luther L., who was born in 1887, is a graduate of the Mansfield high school, and is still with his parents. The parents are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church, and are much esteemed in the community where they reside. Mr. Condon has served as supervisor and has also been school director for five years, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion.

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#### AARON LOCKHART.

The history of the pioneer settlement of Richland county would be incomplete without the record of Aaron Lockhart, for from an early day he has been a prominent factor in the substantial growth and improvement of the county. He is now numbered among its oldest settlers and makes his home on a farm of one hundred and fifty-three acres on section 9, Jefferson township, where he has lived continuously since 1861. It seems hardly possible that it is within the memory of living man when all this district, with nearly every acre under cultivation, was largely a wild and unimproved tract. Comparatively few settlements had been made within its borders at the time of the birth of Mr. Lockhart and the countryside was covered with its native forest growth. There were still many evidences of Indian occupancy, while the homes of the white settlers were largely log cabins in the midst of the forest, save here and there where clearings had been made and the work of agricultural development had been begun. There were no railroads and people traveled mostly on horseback or by private conveyance. A few stage lines had been established in Ohio but extensive travel was practically unknown. The only trips made were those of necessity, for it required so much time to cover the distance when one journeyed with horse or wagon. Cooking was largely done over the fireplace, which served also to heat the little cabin, and the forest furnished an abundant supply of fuel. The houses were lighted with candles and frequently the furniture was homemade, but the settlers were happy in the hope of becoming in the course of time the owners of rich and productive farms.



## HISTORY OF RICHLAND COUNTY.

Wm. Wood, Mrs. Condon, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. and Mrs. L. C. Johnson, for five years prior to their marriage, in 1850, resided in the same house, a log cabin, located on the hill between the two rivers, about one-half mile from the present site of Jefferson. They were the first people to settle in the valley of the West Branch of the Muskingum. In 1850, Wm. Wood, his wife and two sons, John and George, moved to the valley of the Little Muskingum, where they now reside. The two sons are now married and have families of their own. The wife of Wm. Wood is a widow, and has three sons, all married, living in the valley of the Little Muskingum.

John C. Johnson, son of Wm. and Sarah (Condon) Johnson, was born in 1830, and died in 1887. He was a brother of Mrs. H. C. Johnson, who died in 1887, as a result of the accident which took the life of her husband. The parents are members of the Methodist church, and the son was rechristened in the community of New Philadelphia. Mr. C. J. Johnson, his son, is supervisor and has also charge of the school system, and is doing credit to education finding in him a man of great ability.

## ALRON LOCHEART.

The history of the early settlement of Richland county would be incomplete without the record of Alron Locheart, for from an early day he has been a prominent factor in the substantial growth and improvement of the country. He is now numbered among its oldest settlers and makes his home on a farm of one hundred and fifty-three acres on section 9, Jefferson township, which he has owned continuously since 1861. It seems hardly possible that it is within the memory of living man when all this district, with nearly every acre of it, in cultivation, was largely a wild and unimproved tract. Comparatively a few clearings had been made within its borders at the time of the death of Mr. Locheart and the country-side was covered with its native forest growth. There were still many evidences of Indian occupancy while the homes of the white settlers were largely log cabins in the midst of the forest, save here and there where clearings had been made and the work of cultural development had been begun. There were no roads and men traveled mostly on horseback or by private conveyance. A stage line had never been established in Ohio but extensive travel was prevalent. The only trips made were those of necessity, for it required a week even to cross the distance when one journeyed with horse or wagon over the firepath, which served also to furnish timber and to furnish an abundant supply of fuel. The houses were small and frequently the furniture was homely. The people were poor, but in the hope of becoming in the course of time more comfortable, they labored hard.





It was upon one of these pioneer farms that Mr. Lockhart was born February 3, 1824, the old family homestead being located in Jefferson township. His parents were William and Sarah Ann (McDonald) Lockhart, both of whom were natives of Virginia, whence they removed to Richland county in 1822. The father purchased a tract of timber land in Jefferson township and thereon erected a log cabin with clapboard roof and puncheon floor and in this crude dwelling the family made their home for many years. To that union three children were born but Aaron Lockhart of this review is now the only surviving member, the others, Benjamin and Mary Ann, both having passed away. The father gave his political support to the republican party. Both he and his wife lie buried in a cemetery on the home farm.

Aaron Lockhart was reared in the usual manner of farm lads of that early period. He shared with the other members of the family in the hardships and privations incident to life in a frontier district and was early trained to perform the various tasks of the farm, working in the fields during the spring and summer seasons, while in the winter months he embraced the opportunity that offered to acquire an education. The little temple of learning was a log schoolhouse with its slab seats, tiny windows and other primitive furnishings. The school was conducted on the subscription plan and few branches were taught, the pupil regarding himself fortunate if in addition in reading, writing and arithmetic, he could receive instruction in grammar or geography. Mr. Lockhart lost his father when thirteen years of age and afterward lived with his uncle, Aaron Lockhart, until about twenty-four years of age. He early became familiar with the arduous task of developing a new farm but the practical experience which he gained in youth well qualified him for the business cares which devolved upon him in later years. At the age of twenty-four he left his uncle's home and returned to his father's old homestead, where he lived until 1857, when he sold that farm and took up his abode in Bellville. For four years he continued a resident of the village and then came to the farm upon which he now resides. Today it is a well improved tract of rich and valuable land, having been made so through the well directed efforts of the owner. When this tract first came into his possession the only dwelling on the place was a log cabin, in which he made his home for nearly twenty years. Later, however, a more commodious and modern structure was erected but the cabin still stands, being today one of the old landmarks of this section of the county. Its dimensions were small but in it many happy hours were passed, and though it contained few of the comforts and conveniences which are now a part of almost every home in the locality, it was the abode of hospitality and good cheer and the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart were always welcome there. For many years Mr. Lockhart continued to cultivate and improve his land and each year harvested abundant crops as a reward for the care and labor bestowed upon it. His former toil, however, now permits him to lay aside the more active duties of life and at present he simply manages his financial interests, his nephew, William Lockhart, giving him assistance in this direction.

Mr. Lockhart has been married twice. His first union was with Miss Margaret France, a native of England, and unto them was born one son,

who died in infancy. After the death of the wife and mother, Mr. Lockhart was married a second time, this union being with Mrs. Maria Armstrong Harshfield, but she, too, has passed away.

On attaining his majority Mr. Lockhart followed in the political footsteps of his father and voted with the whig party. On its dissolution he joined the ranks of the new republican party and for many years gave to it stalwart support, but in recent years he has given his ballot in support of the temperance cause. He has never been active as an office holder, but served for nine years as school director. Although he has passed the eighty-fourth milestone on the journey of life, he is still hale and hearty, giving personal supervision to his extensive landed interests. No man is more familiar with the history of Richland county than is he, for in the years which have since come and gone he has witnessed a most wonderful transformation and has largely aided in the labors which have transformed this once wild and unsettled region into an excellent district with its well cultivated fields and thriving towns and villages. Now in his declining years he can look back over a life well spent and enjoy in well earned ease the merited reward of a long and honorable business career and no man of this section of the state is more honored than is Mr. Lockhart.

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#### WILLIAM PEPPARD.

William Peppard, who is numbered among the few remaining veterans of the Civil war, is also the owner of a fine farm comprising fifty-eight acres situated just outside the corporation limits of Crestline. He is a native son of Ohio, his birth having occurred on Sherman's Hill, in Mansfield, November 9, 1844, a son of Francis and Mary Ann (Morrison) Peppard, the former a native of the Keystone state and the latter of Richland county, and of Irish parentage, her parents having come to this country immediately after their marriage. They spent their remaining days in Richland county. Francis Peppard was a plasterer by trade, following the same in Mansfield and in Crestline. He later took up the occupation of farming and passed away in Crestline. In his family were three daughters and two sons, namely: D. M., a retired railroad engineer of Crawford county; Margaret Ann, the wife of J. J. Talbot, who is engaged in the livery business in Crestline; Eliza Jane, the wife of C. L. McGlaughlin, a railroad engineer, making his home in Willmar, Minnesota; William, of this review; and Belle, the wife of J. M. Bronkar, a carpenter of Crestline.

William Peppard began his education in school district No. 1, north of Crestline, and later attended the select school at Galion. He then learned the plasterer's trade, working at the same for two years, while subsequently he worked as foreman on the railroad for one year. About this time the Civil war broke out and he enlisted for service in the One Hundred and Seventy-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, joining the company in 1864. He partici-



PIONEER HOME OF AARON LOCKHART.



pated in the battle of Nashville, Tennessee, and in many other important engagements, and was mustered out in 1865.

Returning from the war, Mr. Peppard again resumed work on the railroad and since 1873 has been an engineer on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, his service in this connection covering a period of a quarter of a century. That he is a capable and trusted employe is indicated by the fact of his long retention in this important and responsible position. Mr. Peppard is also the owner of a finely improved farm of fifty-eight acres, situated just outside the corporation limits of Crestline, and on this tract stands a fine, modern residence, which is supplied with all the conveniences which add to the comfort of the inmates.

Mr. Peppard was married in 1866 to Miss Margaret Caroline White, who was born in Richland county but was reared in Crawford county, this state. Their marriage has been blessed with two sons and one daughter, namely: Charles Allison, who is foreman in the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad shops at Cleveland, Ohio, making his home at No. 2510 West Fourteenth street; Florence Gertrude, the wife of H. T. French, also of Cleveland; and David White, who is a practicing physician in Mansfield, having graduated from the Western Reserve College at Cleveland.

Mr. Peppard supports the men and measures whom he deems best fitted for office regardless of party ties or affiliations. He has never been active as an office seeker, however. He belongs to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic at Crestline, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He ever discharges his duties as an employe of the railroad company in a most efficient manner, while in a financial way he has gained success and at the same time won the respect and good will of his fellowmen.

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#### ALBERT C. BUSH.

Albert C. Bush, a representative farmer of Madison township, was born upon the farm where he now resides, his birth occurring December 9, 1869. His parents were Jacob and Catherine (Steege) Bush, both of whom were natives of Germany, the former born in 1828 and the latter in 1829. The father came to America with his parents in 1844 when a youth of sixteen, while the mother arrived in the United States with her parents in 1848, being then a young lady of nineteen years. They first located in Cleveland, Ohio, where they resided for six years, when they removed to Richland county and purchased the farm upon which their son Albert now resides. At that time the land was all covered with timber and in its midst was a small log cabin which the father erected and occupied for several years. For a long period he carried on general agricultural pursuits, bringing his fields under a high state of cultivation and annually gathering therefrom rich harvests, the sale of which brought him a comfortable competence that now enables him to live

retired. He and his wife are now making their home in Mansfield and enjoy all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. Since becoming an American citizen Mr. Bush has given his political allegiance to the democratic party, for he believes that its principles contain the best elements of good government. Both he and his wife are earnest Christian people, having long been devoted members of the German Lutheran church. In their family were twelve children, namely: Louisa, the wife of John Graff, of Cleveland, Ohio; Lizzie, the widow of Martin Hursh, of Mansfield; Catherine, the wife of Joseph Hursh, also of Mansfield; Mrs. Amelia Krause, of Mansfield; Mrs. Julia Terman, who makes her home in Madison township; Tillie, who has passed away; Louis, who makes his home in Redlands, California; Mrs. Mary Taylor, of Richland county; Jacob, Jr., who resides in Madison township; Albert C., whose name introduces this review; and two who have passed away.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Albert C. Bush in his boyhood and youth. He remained at home until his majority and in the common schools mastered the branches of English learning, which qualify one for the practical and responsible duties that come when school books are put aside. Through the summer months he assisted his father in the farm work and remained at home until he attained his majority. He then rented a part of the old homestead, cultivating the property for twelve years, at the end of which time, with the money he had saved through his industry and economy, he purchased the farm of one hundred acres on which he yet lives, situated on section 2, Madison township. This is a part of the old homestead property and is one of the well developed farms of the neighborhood, being equipped with modern accessories and conveniences, while the fields have been brought under a high state of cultivation and annually respond to his labor in large harvests.

On the 10th of February, 1892, Mr. Bush was married to Miss Estella Hursh, who was born in Madison township, February 6, 1873, her parents being Henry and Harriet (Eby) Hursh, who were natives of Richland county, Ohio. Her father was born in 1847 and her mother in 1846, and both were representatives of old families of Pennsylvania. They are now living in Madison township, being numbered among the well known and respected residents of the community. Unto them have been born eight children, namely: Arthur J., who makes his home in Mansfield; Naomi, the wife of William Wolford, a resident of Richland county; Estella, now Mrs. Bush; William T., who resides in Richland county; Edwin M., who is engaged in missionary work in Africa; Leroy, of Ashland, Ohio; and two who have departed this life.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Bush has been blessed with five children: Ray G., who was born February 15, 1893; Helen O., whose birth occurred November 22, 1894; Mary A., born May 27, 1899; Berna Viola, born December 29, 1900; and Harriet K., who was born March 26, 1905. Mrs. Bush was a graduate of the public schools and engaged in teaching for two years prior to her marriage. Mr. Bush gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and while he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, he has served as school director for three years. Both he and his wife are

members of the Lutheran church, and having spent their entire lives here are well known, while their many good qualities have gained them high regard and warm friendships.

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#### ADAM GROSS.

Adam Gross is well known in connection with the mercantile and industrial interests in Mansfield. He is now proprietor of the Mansfield Show Case & Store Fixture Company, in which connection he is controlling a prosperous and constantly growing business. He was born at Albeshein, near Wurmz, Germany, April 30, 1858. His father, Philip Gross, was a wine-grower there, but after coming to America was foreman of the lumber yards of McVey & Allison until his death. He had for six years survived his wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Woorkley. Of their family of four children all are living, namely: Jacob, a gardener and farmer near Mansfield; Philip, who is with the National Safe & Lock Company, of New York; Adam, of this review; and Henry, an artist with a studio in New York.

Adam Gross accompanied his parents to America when but six years of age, the family home being established in Pittsburg, whence they removed a year later to St. Charles, Missouri, and after twelve months came to Mansfield. Mr. Gross attended the public schools here and afterward pursued his studies through the winter months, while in the summer season for three years he worked at the McVey & Allison planing mill. When he had permanently put aside his text-books he devoted five years to that work, there continuing until twenty-one years of age. He next spent four years with the Aultman-Taylor works, building threshing machinery, after which he became connected with Gross & Clayberg, furniture and bar fixtures manufacturers, his brother Philip being senior partner in that business. When two years had passed he purchased the business from the receiver and has since continued in this line of trade. About four years ago he discontinued the manufacture of bar fixtures and took up the work of manufacturing show fixtures, show cases and general work to order.

For ten years he also manufactured barber chairs, but during the last decade has not done work of that character. The output of the factory is to be seen in the majority of the business places in Mansfield, and the house also enjoys a large trade throughout the west in church furniture. They supplied the fittings and furnishings for the Carnegie Library, of Mansfield, the Ashbrook drug store, the Nolan drug store, for the Marshall & Reynolds store, for the H. L. Reed Dry Goods house, the Koch & Fisher stationery store, for Charles Ritter & Co., and others. The furniture for the Carnegie Library is very elaborate and indicates the creditable work turned out by the Mansfield Show Case & Store Fixture Company. They have also done considerable work in nearby towns and the business is now recognized as one of the leading productive industries of this city. Mr. Gross also owns some good property here, including three fine residences, one of which, at No. 58 High street, he occupies, while the others are also on that street.

On the 10th of October, 1883, Mr. Gross was married to Katherine Eschbaugh, a daughter of Christian Eschbaugh, of Mansfield. They have four children: Howard, twenty-four years of age, is now with his father in business, but is a pianist by profession, having toured a large part of this country. During the summer of 1907 he was at Oak Summit Park, at Evansville, Indiana, where he led an orchestra of ten pieces. He has also had engagements with Murray & Mack, Verna May and the Humpty Dumpty Company and was at the Orpheum Theater, Mansfield, during the winter of 1907 and 1908. Lee, the second son, is a finisher in the employ of his father; Helen, seventeen years of age, and Sybilla, sixteen years of age, are stenographers. The younger is a china painter of rare ability and both are good musicians.

Mr. Gross gives his political support to the democracy and was a member of the Mansfield school board from 1900 to 1904. He belongs to the Independent Order of Foresters and the Royal Foresters, and is a member of the First English Lutheran church. In 1906 he bought his home, for which he made all the finishings and furnishings and these are splendid specimens of fine workmanship, unexcelled by anything of the kind in Mansfield. Mr. Gross has always held high ideals in business and his name has become a guarantee for good workmanship and materials in anything connected with the trade. He employs only skilled mechanics and makes a specialty of show cases, although the company manufactures other interior fittings and furnishings and does upholstering. He regards his work as his best advertisement and the house not only enjoys an excellent reputation for its output but also for the character of its service to the public.

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#### JACOB L. BARGAHISER.

Jacob L. Bargahiser is a retired farmer living in Shelby and a representative of a family that has been found in this county since the second decade of the nineteenth century. He was born November 29, 1834, on the farm which he yet owns and which adjoins the corporation limits of Shelby on the northwest. This has always been his place of residence. His parents were Levi and Susanna (Eshelman) Bargahiser. The father was born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, November 5, 1791, while the mother was born in Licking county, Ohio, July 11, 1800. Leaving the Keystone state, he removed to Mansfield, Ohio, with Martin Ruffner, who was soon afterward killed by the Indians. Levi Bargahiser had served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812, doing duty at Norfolk, Virginia, and continuing at the front until hostilities were over. He entered the farm which is now the home of our subject in 1815, securing a quarter section, but did not receive the deed to the property until the land was placed upon the market. He was then given the deed for the southwest quarter of section 6, township 22, range 19, on the 10th of June, 1819, and this today is still in possession of the family. In 1836 he secured seventy-eight acres from James Smith, who had entered this from the government during the Jackson administration.

Levi Bargahiser located upon his new farm in 1818. It was all covered with a heavy growth of timber and there was only one house between his place and Mansfield at that time. He built a cabin before bringing his family to Ohio and began to clear away the forest and to place the fields under cultivation. Year after year he continued his work, with visible results as seen in richly tilled fields and the generous harvests which he gathered. He continued to reside upon this farm and to devote his life to the tilling of the soil and to the raising of stock, meeting with well merited success in his undertakings. The Indians often called at his home and at different times had camps upon his farm, but they were always friendly and never molested the family in any way. His political allegiance was given to the democracy and he remained a champion of the party principles until his death, which occurred December 26, 1868. His wife survived him for about ten years and died May 25, 1878. They were the parents of five children: Washington, who after attaining adult age removed to Williams county, Ohio, where he died in 1854; Mrs. Lavina Kunkle, who was born March 4, 1821, and is now living in Williams county; Mrs. Elizabeth Post, who died in Shelby; Mrs. Rebecca Stock, who died in Williams county; and Jacob L., of this review. The father prospered in his undertakings and eventually became the owner of two hundred and thirty-eight acres of land, which he brought under a high state of cultivation.

Amid the wild scenes and environments of pioneer life Jacob L. Bargahiser was reared and early assisted in the arduous task of developing a new farm. He aided in cutting the timber, in clearing away the stumps and brush and in plowing and planting the fields. As his age and strength increased, the work of the farm devolved more and more largely upon him, and after his father's death he purchased the home property and has lived here continuously since. For a long period he was active in the work of the fields and met with success in his undertakings. He made most of the modern improvements upon his farm and by purchase he added to it, becoming the owner of two hundred and fifty acres. At a recent date, however, he disposed of the farm to his children and is now living a retired life with his daughter.

It was in 1856 that Mr. Bargahiser was married to Miss Laura E. Price, who was born in Knox county, Ohio, in 1838, and came to Richland county with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Price. Her death occurred March 4, 1899, and was deeply regretted by her friends, who had learned to esteem her highly for her many good traits of heart and mind. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bargahiser were born seven children: Andrew Jackson, who is now living in Mercer county, this state; Levi, who died at the age of eighteen years; Isaac, who died at the age of two years; Frank, deceased; Lovina, twin sister of Frank and the widow of J. C. Skiles, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Lorenzo D., deceased; and Susan, the wife of Howard Eckis, residing on the old homestead.

Mr. Bargahiser has served as an elder in the Lutheran church for a number of years and is one of its devoted and zealous members. He has voted the democratic ticket, but maintains only a citizen's interest in political affairs. He has now reached the seventy-third milestone on life's journey and the

straight path that he has ever followed has given him a place in public esteem that is most enviable. He is a worthy representative of one of the old families and has himself been a witness of the growth of the county and the changes that have here occurred during more than the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten.

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#### GEORGE LATIMER.

George Latimer, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Butler township, was born in Richland county, Ohio, August 2, 1837, a son of William and Nancy (Wilson) Latimer, the former a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Westmoreland county, that state. The father, who was a miller by trade, came to this county in 1825, locating in Blooming Grove township, where he taught school and subsequently became connected with agricultural interests. His marriage was celebrated in Richland county. He passed away on the 12th of February, 1850, while his wife, long surviving him, was called to her final rest in 1899. Their family numbered seven children, namely: Elizabeth J., of Iowa; George; John, deceased; Wilson, who has also passed away; Mary E., the wife of James Huston, of Ohio; Margery, who is the wife of John Gilger and makes her home in this county; and William S., also a resident of Richland county.

George Latimer acquired his education in the public schools and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. After his marriage he was successfully engaged in the operation of a rented farm for seventeen years, on the expiration of which period he purchased the place of one hundred and three acres on section 13, Butler township, where he still resides. He has placed many substantial improvements on the property, and in addition to the work of general farming makes a specialty of stock-raising. He has long been well known as one of the substantial and enterprising agriculturists of the community and as one whose success is entirely the result of his own well directed labor and capable management.

When twenty-three years of age Mr. Latimer was united in marriage to Miss Euphemia Maden, whose birth occurred in Blooming Grove township in 1837. Her parents were Alexander and Susan (Crofford) Maden, the former a native of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Maryland. They are both now deceased. Mrs. Latimer was one of a family of three children, and by her marriage became the mother of four: William A., who has passed away; Martha Jane, at home; J. W., residing in Weller township; and Mary, the wife of Elza Martin. In 1892 Mr. Latimer was called upon to mourn the death of his wife. Her remains were interred in the Blooming Grove cemetery.

In his political views Mr. Latimer is a stanch democrat and takes an active interest in the local work of the party, having served as trustee and also as a member of the school board for a number of years. He and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal church. Having resided in this county throughout his entire life, covering more than the psalmist's allotted span of three score

years and ten, he is well and favorably known here and has gained the warm esteem and friendship of all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact. Moreover he has been an interested witness of the county's development and upbuilding from a pioneer period to the present time and throughout his active business career has been a factor in its agricultural progress.

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#### WILLIAM SCHETTLER.

William Schettler has since 1891 been identified with agricultural interests in Madison township, at which time he took up his abode upon the farm which is now his home and here, in connection with the cultivation of the fields, he is successfully engaged in the dairy business. He was born in the city of Mansfield, September 9, 1864, his parents being Theodore and Janette (Kleinhans) Schettler, who were natives of Germany and came to America in 1864, settling in Mansfield, Ohio. The father was a shoemaker by trade and worked at that occupation in Mansfield for fifteen years, after which he turned his attention to the flour and feed business, with which he was connected for sixteen years. On the expiration of that period he turned his attention from industrial to agricultural pursuits, purchasing a farm of eighty acres on section 10, Madison township. He then began cultivating the fields and continued in that business until his death, which occurred November 6, 1892. He never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world, for he found good business opportunities here and as the years passed by prospered in his undertakings. His widow still survives him and is now making her home with her son William. Unto them were born five children: William; Charles, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; Ferdinand, who is living in Oregon; Emma, deceased; and one who died in infancy.

William Schettler spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Mansfield and was educated in the public schools. He remained at home until he attained his majority and then began learning the molder's trade, which he followed at intervals for twenty years. Since 1891 he has been engaged in general farming, taking up his abode upon the place where he now resides. His time and labors have been given to its further development and improvement and he has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, so that good crops are annually gathered. In connection with this work he conducts a dairy and it also proves to him a profitable source of income.

On the 25th of November, 1885, Mr. Schettler was married to Miss Pauline Jud, who was born in New Albany, Indiana, July 30, 1864, a daughter of Rev. J. B. and Mary (Umbeck) Jud. Both parents were natives of Switzerland and came to America in early life. Their family numbered thirteen children, while unto Mr. and Mrs. Schettler have been born eight children: Nettie L., now at home; Clara M., a resident of Chicago; Theodore W., Florence H., Emma M., Paul F., Freda and Herbert H., all yet under the parental roof.

The parents are consistent members of St. John's Evangelical church and Mr. Schettler belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge at Mansfield and also the Modern Woodmen camp there. In his political views he is a democrat but has never sought nor desired public office, preferring to give his attention to his business affairs. Since removing to the farm he has conducted a profitable business, becoming one of the substantial residents of Madison township.

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#### W. H. SWIGART.

The farm of one hundred and sixteen acres, situated on section 29, Monroe township, now owned and occupied by W. H. Swigart, has been in possession of the family since 1832, having been purchased in that year by the paternal grandfather. Mr. Swigart is a native of Richland county, his birth having occurred on his present farm, December 1, 1860. His father, George W. Swigart, accompanied his parents on their removal to this county from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania,—the place of his birth—when a small boy, and was, therefore, reared and educated in Richland county. The old homestead eventually came into his possession, and he built the brick house now occupied by our subject. He operated the old Swigart mill at Pleasantville, which stood on a part of his farm, this mill being the oldest in the county. It was erected over eighty years ago, and its wheels are now used as flower beds in our subject's yard.

George W. Swigart was married in this county to Miss Margaret Ryder, and their union was blessed with five children, but two of the number are now deceased, those living being: Mary E., the wife of J. C. Pitts, a resident of Monroe township; Harriet; and W. H., of this review. The father of this family passed away in 1900, having been preceded by the wife and mother, whose death occurred in 1897.

W. H. Swigart was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, assisting in carrying on the work of plowing, planting and harvesting during the summer season, while throughout the winter months he attended the district schools, wherein he mastered the common branches of English learning. He continued under the parental roof until he reached the age of twenty-eight years, at which time he established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Nettie Gatton, who is one of a family of eight children. Her mother died in 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Swigart have four children, namely: Minnie M., Flossy Luella, Osy Pearl and Walter G. C., all of whom are at home.

Following his marriage Mr. Swigart purchased the old homestead property, comprising one hundred and sixteen acres of land on section 29, Monroe township. Here he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of the latter branch of his business, in which he is meeting with excellent success. He is everywhere known for his prompt and honorable dealings, and all with whom he has business relations have for him warm regard. Mr. Swigart is also of an inventive turn of mind, having invented and secured a patent on what is known as the sill bed system for a railroad,



MR. AND MRS. W. H. SWIGART.



this being used instead of ties. This is a valuable invention in the line of road bed construction, and as the author of the same Mr. Swigart has become widely known.

His political support is given the men and measures of the democratic party. His wife is a member of the Lutheran church. He has in his possession an interesting relic and one which he prizes very highly, this being an iron kettle, which was purchased by his grandfather in 1808, and is, therefore, one hundred years old. His life has been one of continuous activity, which has contributed not only to his individual success, but has also been an active factor in the development of the section in which he has always made his home, so that he is accounted one of the honored and esteemed residents of Monroe township.

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#### GEORGE BRINKERHOFF DRENNAN.

Prominent among the business men of Plymouth is George Brinkerhoff Drennan, who for a number of years has been closely identified with the history of the city as a representative of one of its most important industrial interests, acting as secretary and treasurer of the firm of J. D. Fate & Company, manufacturers of brick and tile machinery. Mr. Drennan is of Irish descent in the paternal line, while in the maternal line he is of Holland ancestry. He was born in Plymouth, October 26, 1855.

The paternal grandfather, James Drennan, served in the war of 1812, having command of a company of Pennsylvania volunteers, which was sent to relieve Fort Cregor, then being besieged by the Indians. On the way to Fort Cregor the company camped on what is now the public square at Plymouth. Being pleased with this location, the grandfather afterward returned and located here in the year 1825. He was twice married, his first union being with Jane Patton, by whom he had one son. After her death he wedded Eliza Wolf, who taught the first school in Richland county prior to her marriage, having come to Mansfield in 1808 with her widowed mother. By the second marriage of Mr. Drennan there were the following named children: James, Eleanor, Kate, Artemesia and Emanuel. The first representative of the Brinkerhoff family came to this country from Holland about 1638, while the Wolf family came just prior to the Revolutionary war, the grandfather serving as a soldier in the Continental army. The four grandfathers of our subject, the great-grandfather and the grandfather in both the paternal and maternal lines served in the Revolutionary war, the paternal great-grandfather, Augustus Wolf, serving on General Washington's staff.

The father of our subject, William Wolf Drennan, was born in Canton, Ohio, July 18, 1820, and came with his parents to Plymouth, August 6, 1825. He engaged in merchandising in 1838, continuing in business until 1859. During this time he studied law in the store at night, but was not admitted to practice until 1866. He made a specialty of ditch law and for a long period followed the profession. He served as sutler of the Sixth-fourth Regiment of

Ohio Volunteers in the Civil war from 1861 until 1865. Prior to his enlistment in the war he served as mayor of Plymouth and upon his return was again elected to that office, while at one time he filled the office of justice of the peace and in many other ways took an active and helpful part in public affairs, being a stanch advocate of the republican party. He died in January, 1895, when he was seventy-five years of age. His wife bore the maiden name of Hannah Brinkerhoff. She was born in Owasco, Cayuga county, New York, in January, 1822, a daughter of George R. Brinkerhoff, who spent his entire life in Owasco. The daughter came to Richland county in 1846 to visit her sister and remained here until the summer of 1849, during which time she was engaged in teaching. She then returned to her native state, where in March, 1850, she gave her hand in marriage to William W. Drennan. She was a sister of General Brinkerhoff, of Mansfield, this state. Mrs. Drennan spent her entire married life in Plymouth and passed away here in August, 1890, at the age of seventy-eight years. By her marriage she became the mother of six children, namely: Eleanor and Mary, both of whom have passed away; George, whose name introduces this review; John, who was married and is now deceased; Artemesia, also deceased; and Edith Katherine, the wife of W. J. Geer, now acting as mayor of Galion, Ohio.

George B. Drennan was educated in the public schools of Plymouth, completing his studies at the age of eighteen years. At the age of twelve years he entered the office of the Plymouth Advertiser and learned the printer's trade, remaining there for three or four years. He later engaged in farming, following that pursuit until 1889, while in 1890 he became connected with E. M. Freese in the manufacture of brick and tile machinery. After this partnership was dissolved he became identified with the J. D. Fate & Company in the conduct of a similar enterprise, and for the past thirteen years has served in the office of secretary and treasurer. The other officers of the company are: H. H. Fate, president; and H. S. Fate, vice president. The business is now being carried on under the firm name of the J. D. Fate & Company, manufacturers of brick and tile machinery. They occupy a building seventy-five by three hundred and forty feet and employ seventy-five men in the manufacture of their products, which are shipped to all parts of the world. Mr. Drennan possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution, and his close application to business and his excellent management have brought to the company the high degree of prosperity which it today enjoys.

Mr. Drennan was married in 1879 to Miss Mary Brittain, a native of Delaware, Ohio, and a daughter of J. K. Brittain. Mr. Drennan is a republican, stanch in his advocacy of the principles of the party. He has served as mayor of Plymouth, filling the office for two terms, while he has also served as a member of the city council. He is now a member of the board of public affairs. He was one of the organizers, was the first secretary and is now treasurer of the Commercial Motor Truck Company, of Plymouth. He is a Mason, belonging to the Knight Templar commandery at Mansfield. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Drennan

deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in the business world, for, starting out in life at an early age, he has brooked no obstacles that could be overcome by honest effort and has steadily worked his way upward until, having left the ranks of the many, he stands today among the successful few.

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#### DAVID E. KEISER.

The attractiveness of Richland county as a place of residence is indicated by the fact that many of her native sons have remained within its borders, feeling content to enjoy the opportunities here afforded and the chances for business advancement which are here given to the energetic, ambitious man. Of this class David E. Keiser is a representative, his birth having occurred in the city of Mansfield on the 14th of October, 1850. His parents were Michael and Harriet (Strickler) Keiser. The father was born in Ashland county, Ohio, in 1826, and the mother's birth occurred in Pennsylvania in the same year. She came to Richland county with her parents in 1834 and Michael Keiser arrived in this county in 1842. When the war with Mexico was inaugurated he espoused the American cause and joined the army in defense of the interests of this country. He went to the front and although on active duty was never injured. When he returned to this county in 1849 he learned the shoemaker's trade under the direction of David Wise, of Mansfield, but the year following—1850—attracted by the discovery of gold in California, he started on the overland trip to the coast. There he remained for two years, returning by way of the water route to New York and thence to Richland county. As the years passed he became recognized as one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of this county, being engaged in the shoe business in Mansfield until the outbreak of the Civil war. He then again responded to his country's call for troops and, enlisting in the Union army, became a captain and did duty with Sherman's brigade. He was at the front until the close of hostilities and participated in several hard fought battles. While entering the battle of Chattanooga his horse fell and Mr. Keiser's leg was broken. He was then taken to the hospital, where he remained for two months. He had the same limb broken three times while serving as a soldier in the Union Army.

In writing to his wife from Bardstown, Kentucky, he said, "We had a very fine march from Louisville to this place; not one man gave out in our company, although the boys had to carry their knapsacks and all their clothing, bedding and accouterments. We have improved in drill very much since we left home and three Indiana regiments have been attached to our brigade, which makes five regiments." From camp near Lebanon, Kentucky, February 11, 1862, Captain Keiser wrote: "We returned here again from Hall's Gap, marched Friday, Saturday and Sunday and arrived here at two o'clock and are camping in a large field. Hall's Gap is about forty-five miles from Lebanon on the top of a mountain." From Bowling Green, Ken-

tucky, March 16, 1862, he wrote, "We are now on our road to Nashville, Tennessee, where we expect to arrive in six days. We left Munfordsville on last Sunday a week, arrived four miles this side of Bowling Green, and stayed there until yesterday, when we were ordered to cross the river. So many troops here that we had to wait till our turn. It was slow work crossing the river on the ferry. We are now one mile out of town and drawing our rations to last us until we reach Nashville. I was all through the town and the forts that the rebels had built and went down to the railroad depot, where they burned everything. I saw a good many curiosities. The citizens in this part of the country are very distant toward us." From camp near Pittsburg Landing, April 21, 1862, Captain Keiser wrote, "We arrived here on Saturday last at two o'clock. We started for camp through mud knee-deep. We had a fine old time when we arrived at camp. I gave the boys their things that were sent to them. They were so pleased that they forgot all about the dark, dreary, gloomy weather that was hanging over them. Beside the horrible sights on the battlefield, thousands of fresh graves can be seen all over the country of the poor fellows that fell on the field; the trees split and slivered by cannon balls and the country strewn with pieces of artillery wagons, broken guns, clothes, blankets and harness that was dropped or destroyed in battle. I came all the way from Cincinnati to this place by water." At Pine Run, between Decatur and Huntsville, Alabama, July 7, 1862, Captain Keiser wrote the following: "Last evening the captain was appointed major of our regiment and I was appointed captain of Company A, Sixty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry." From camp near Winchester, Tennessee, August 5, 1862, he wrote: "On Sunday morning I took command of the company and the same day major and I took an invoice of the company's property. On Monday he received orders from General Wood to join his regiment at Stevenson. . . . I am now acting as provost marshal of the sixth division, quite a responsible and honorable position for a young boy like I am, but I am good for it. General Wood congratulates me and says that I have the honor to command the best and finest company in his whole division." A letter from camp near Manchester, Tennessee, August 16, 1862, reads: "We left Deckart, Winchester Station, where we were stationed last on the 14th instant and arrived here. My company of sixty-six men are with me and seven men away on detached duty. This is a much larger company than the majority of those in the army." From headquarters, sixth division, near McMinnville, Tennessee, August 28, 1862, Captain Keiser wrote, "We were camped in a little town, Verville, and on Saturday night at twelve o'clock the general orderly came and waked me, saying that we have to pack up and leave. I awakened our men, tore down our tents and gathered our cooking utensils and company goods generally, loaded everything in fine order and hitched up our six mules and the company formed ready to march, every man with his gun loaded, by 12:30 o'clock. The general told me to march my company out on the road to form his troops. I did so and at the same time had twenty-two bushwhackers to guard, but I led the column, and trotting my 'butternuts' (a northern term for southern prisoners) along in good time, we arrived at McMinnville by daybreak." The above quotations

from letters give some indication of the experience which the soldier meets at the front.

Mr. Keiser was considered one of the most prominent captains from the state of Ohio and his contagious zeal for the cause inspired his men to deeds of valor and loyalty. In days of peace he was equally faithful to the country and was a citizen who had the entire respect and confidence of all who knew him. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity at Mansfield and in his life exemplified the beneficent spirit of the craft. Both he and his wife were devoted and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their memory is yet enshrined in the hearts of those who knew them. Captain Keiser died March 19, 1885, while his wife passed away December 27, 1877, both being laid to rest in the Mansfield cemetery. They were the parents of three children: William, who was born in 1848 and is living in Mansfield; David E., of this review; and Annie Laura, who was born in 1860 and died in 1864.

David E. Keiser, whose name introduces this review, pursued his education in the public schools of Mansfield and remained with his father until he attained his majority, after which he operated the old homestead farm on shares until 1888. He then came into possession of the farm and has made his home here continuously since. It is a tract of one hundred and five acres in Madison township, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicates the careful supervision of a practical and progressive owner. Mr. Keiser has always made a specialty of raising and feeding stock to a greater or less extent in connection with farming and has led an active, useful and busy life, wherein his labors have brought to him a fair measure of prosperity.

On the 12th of October, 1872, David E. Keiser was married to Miss Alice S. Neal, who was born in Springfield township, Richland county, in 1850, a daughter of John and Mary (Leppo) Neal. The parents were natives of Hagerstown, Maryland, and came to Richland county with their respective parents in early life. The father and mother died on the same day in 1897, their deaths occurring but two hours apart. They were married in Springfield township, this county, and after their marriage took up their abode on a farm in a log cabin with clapboard roof and puncheon floor. For sixty years they lived on the same farm and there celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. In 1888 they retired from that farm and removed to the city of Mansfield, where they spent their last days. Their family numbered ten children.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Keiser have been born three children, but the youngest died in infancy. Harvey M. is now acting as merchant police in Mansfield and is married and makes his home in the city. Alice M. is the wife of Walter C. Fitzsimmons, who for four years has been a clerk in the Mansfield postoffice. They have one son, Harvey McCoy Fitzsimmons, named for his two uncles. Mr. and Mrs. Keiser are members of the Christian church and are widely and favorably known in this community. Mr. Keiser is respected by all with whom he has come in contact as one of the worthy and representative men of Madison township. He helped his father to improve the old homestead, developing it from timber land to its present attractive condition,

it being today one of the finest farms of this part of the county, attractive in its appearance by reason of its substantial buildings, its well tilled fields and the air of neatness and thrift which pervades every part of it.

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#### SAMUEL E. HUENERFAUTH.

Samuel E. Huenerfauth, in his business career making that steady advancement which results from carefully applied energy, is now superintendent of the Ideal Electric Company at Mansfield. He was born July 30, 1866, at Pomeroy, Ohio. His father was a native of Germany, born in 1818, and came to America in 1838, settling at West Union, Ohio, where he remained about a year. He afterward removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, and a year later went to Pomeroy, where he was employed at his trade of blacksmithing in the boat-yards of that place. His death occurred in 1887. His wife, who was also of German birth, having come to America from the fatherland at the age of seven years, died in Pomeroy, Ohio, in 1883.

Samuel E. Huenerfauth was educated in the common schools and made his initial step in the business world as an employe in the rolling mills of his native town. He afterward went to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and next engaged as telephone inspector, in which capacity he came to Mansfield in December, 1887. In 1889 he was transferred to the managership of the Gallipolis office, and afterward he was made manager at Newark, Ohio. In 1890, at his own request, he was returned to Mansfield. The following year he accepted the appointment of superintendent of the Mansfield Electric Light & Street Railway Company and remained in that position until January, 1894, when he became associated with the Cord Electric Company as road representative. This company was later merged into the Phoenix Electric Company, with which he remained up to 1903, when in association with S. Glenn Vincent he organized the Ideal Electric Company, which has become one of the city's important industries, manufacturing an extensive line of electrical apparatus. Their new plant, a model of its kind, was erected in 1906. Mr. Huenerfauth has extended his efforts to other fields of business activity. He is one of the proprietors of the Buckeye Tempered Copper & Brass Foundry, and is likewise the owner of a fine residence at No. 30 Penn avenue. His success is evidence of his business ability, his improvement of opportunities, and his well directed energy.

On the 12th of November, 1889, Mr. Huenerfauth was married to Miss Laura B. Collingwood, a daughter of Elias Collingwood, a retired business man of Mansfield and one of its well known and highly respected citizens, who died in 1887. Mrs. Huenerfauth is a member of the Ladies' Guild of St. Luke's church and takes an active interest in social affairs and charitable work in the city. There are three children of this marriage: Lucy May, seventeen years of age, who is a graduate of the Mansfield high school and an accomplished musician; Grace Lillian, twelve years of age, now attending grammar school; and George Edward, a little lad of six years.

In his political views Mr. Huenerfauth is a republican, but while keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day, as every true American citizen should do, he has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his fidelity to party. He belongs to St. Luke's Lutheran church and is well known and popular in various other organizations. He is a member of Mansfield Lodge, No. 35, A. F. & A. M., and has attained the Knight Templar degree in Masonry. He likewise belongs to Mansfield Lodge, No. 56, B. P. O. E., and to the Knights of Pythias Lodge and the United Commercial Travelers. Well known in Mansfield, where he has made his home continuously since 1890, in every relation of life he has commanded the confidence and good will of his fellow citizens, while in business he has won gratifying success.

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#### LEWIS BRUCKER.

Lewis Brucker, an attorney of Mansfield, was born near the village of Bridgeport, in Saginaw county, Michigan, October 30, 1855. He was graduated at the Ann Arbor Law School, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in March, 1881, and has engaged in the practice of law in the city of Mansfield since March 1, 1886.

Mr. Brucker was married, June 10, 1884, to Mary Jane Cummins, at Shelby, Ohio. He has been continuously connected with legal interests in Mansfield for twenty-two years. He was elected to the office of probate judge and served from February 9, 1891, until February 1, 1897, and upon his retirement from the probate bench immediately resumed the practice of law, in which he is still engaged.

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#### JOHN WILLIAM KERN.

John William Kern, deceased, was born in Germany in 1841, and landed in America on the 14th of May, 1857. He immediately became connected with the butchering business at Mansfield, Richland county, Ohio, being successfully engaged in that line of activity until the time of his death in 1895. During the last few years of his business life he conducted his establishment under the firm name of William Kern & Son.

In March, 1868, Mr. Kern was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Catharine Gerisch, whose birth occurred in Germany in 1844, her father being Adam Gerisch, likewise a native of the fatherland. The latter spent his entire life in the country of his nativity, where he was a man of wealth and much importance, owning a farm of three hundred acres and a large flouring mill. He likewise served as mayor for several years. Mrs. Kern, who was born of her father's second marriage, arrived in the United States on the 3d of September, 1866, and subsequently gave her hand in marriage to John William Kern, to whom she proved a faithful and loving helpmate. Her children are

five in number, namely: Mrs. Anna Harrison, George Louis, Lenora, William and Adam.

In his political views Mr. Kern was a stanch democrat, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in St. Paul's Lutheran church. In 1895 he met a sudden death, either by accident or foul means, as his lifeless and mutilated body was found beside the Pennsylvania Railroad track about three miles from Lucas. He had been out all day buying cattle, and it was while returning on foot early in the evening that the accident occurred. The exact cause of his death has remained a mystery, but many of his friends are quite certain that he was foully dealt with. No money was found upon him, but a few silver coins were scattered on the ground where his body lay.

Mrs. Kern still resides in Mansfield and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community in which she has so long resided, her many excellent traits of heart and mind having won her an extensive circle of friends.

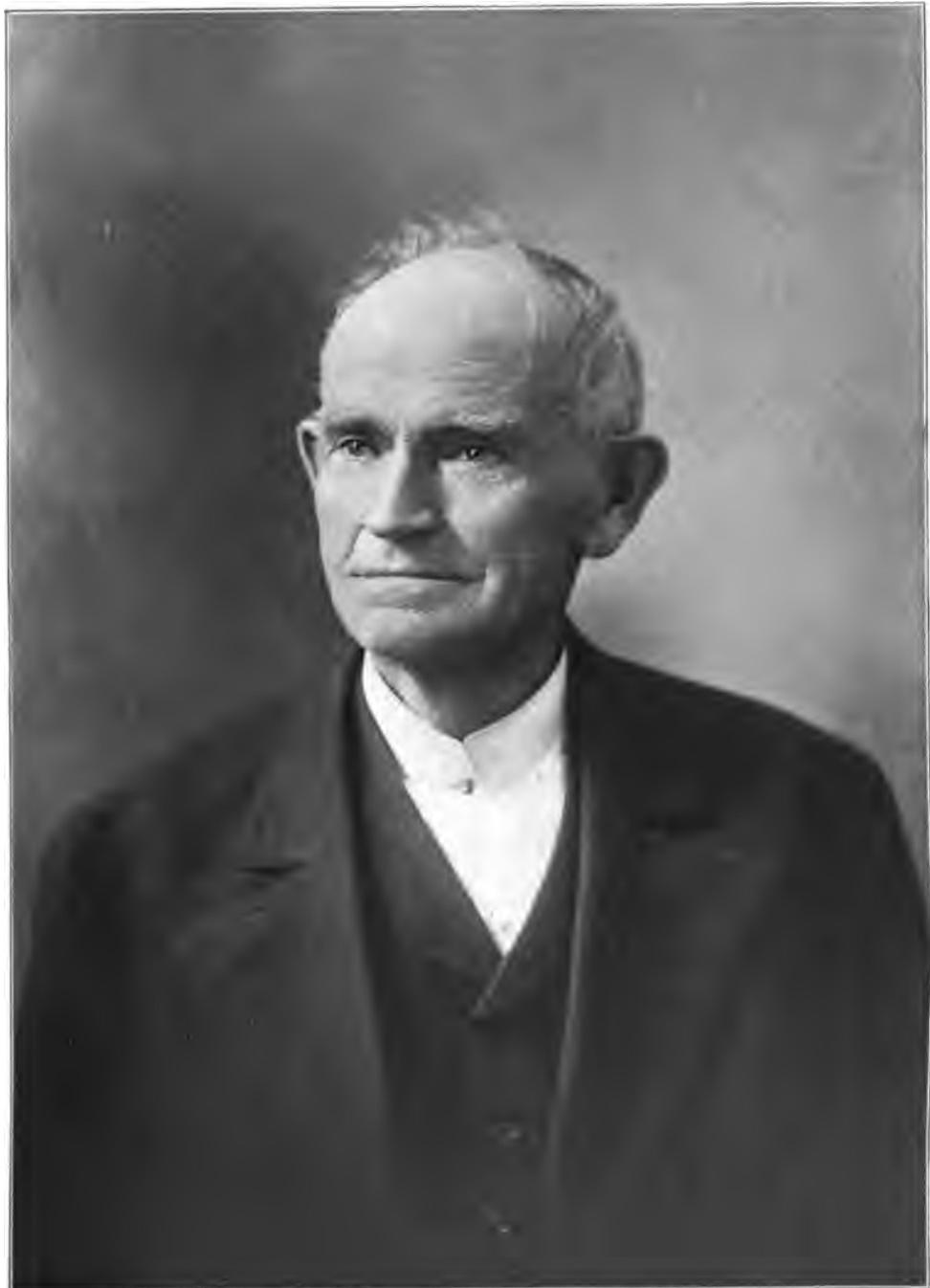
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#### STACY B. OPDYKE.

Stacy B. Opdyke is numbered among the progressive agriculturists of Plymouth township, owning a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, situated on section 8. The family originated in Holland and its genealogy dates back to the year 1261, when the name was spelled Op den Dycks. The first representative of the name came to America in 1638, locating in the east.

Stacy B. Opdyke, whose name introduces this review, was born on a farm in Kingwood township, Hunterdon county, New Jersey, August 9, 1830. He was a son of John and Esther (Little) Opdyke, both of whom were natives of New Jersey, the former born in 1802. In 1836 he removed with his family to Richland county, Ohio, where he purchased two hundred and fifteen acres of land that was covered with timber. He cleared and improved this land and made his home thereon throughout his remaining days, both he and his wife passing away in Richland county. He had a brother, George Opdyke, who served as mayor of New York city from 1861 until 1863. The family of Mr. and Mrs. John Opdyke numbered seven children, as follows: Christy L., deceased; George, who has also passed away; Stacy B., of this review; Rachel, who became the wife of Edward Orr, but both are now deceased; William H., who has also passed away; Mrs. Mary B. Ward, a widow residing in Lorain, Ohio; and John Scott, a resident of Attica, this state.

Mr. Opdyke was a little lad of six years at the time of the parents' removal to this state. They made the journey from New Jersey by wagon, it requiring three weeks to make the trip, and it rained almost every day during the entire time. The family home was established on a farm north of Shiloh, in Richland county, and it was on that place that the son was reared. But little of the land had been cleared, while a log cabin containing but one room stood on the place. The son was educated in the district schools, attending in the winter months, while in the summer season he assisted in the development and



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improvement of the home place. In 1860 he made a trip to the Rocky mountains in search of gold, but remained there only a brief period, when he returned to his home in Richland county.

The year following, in 1861, Mr. Opdyke established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Kate Baumgartner, who was born near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1828, coming to Ohio with her parents, William and Mary (Wistler) Baumgartner, when fifteen years of age. The young couple began their domestic life upon the farm which is his present home. This property comprises one hundred and sixty acres, situated on section 8, Plymouth township. All the buildings have been placed here by Mr. Opdyke, he having built a fine home containing ten rooms, in 1886, while in that year he also erected a barn, forty by seventy-two feet, with twenty foot posts. He has also placed the land under a high state of cultivation and in addition to carrying on general agricultural pursuits he is also engaged in stock-raising, both branches of his business proving a profitable source of income.

Two children blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Opdyke, but the daughter, Mary, died at the age of six years. The elder, Lester, owns one hundred and thirty acres of land in New Haven township, Huron county, which was given him by his father. He was married in 1905 to Miss Olive Hollenbaugh, a native of Cass township, this county, and a daughter of Isaac and Susan (Gush) Hollenbaugh. Mrs. Opdyke passed away in 1872.

Mr. Opdyke gives his political support to the republican party, casting his first presidential vote for Fremont, and he has supported each candidate of the party since that time. Having spent the greater part of his life in Richland county, Mr. Opdyke is familiar with its history. His life is exemplary in all respects and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving of highest commendation.

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#### W. S. ROUSH.

W. S. Roush, who is successfully engaged in general merchandising at Ganges, was born in Williams county, Ohio, September 23, 1869, his parents being Jacob and Sarah (Finnegal) Roush. The former is a native of Jackson township, Richland county, his father being among the earliest settlers here. In 1867 Jacob Roush removed to Williams county but in 1871 returned to this county, where he has since resided, his home being in Franklin township. Our subject has but one brother, Lester C., who lives on a farm adjoining that of his father.

W. S. Roush acquired his education in the district schools of Franklin township and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. For ten years afterward he was alternately engaged in farming and teaching, following the former vocation during the summer months, while in the winter seasons he devoted his time and energies to the instruction of the young. Subsequently he became connected with mercantile interests,

forming a partnership with W. A. St. John for the conduct of a store in Ganges. He at first intended to carry only a stock of hardware but the business has developed so materially that he now carries a general line of merchandise to meet the demands of his patrons. On the 1st of January, 1907, he severed his connection with Mr. St. John and has since carried on the business alone, meeting with a gratifying and well merited success in his undertaking. He also has a farm of eighty-five acres just south of Ganges, and owns the fine building in which he conducts his business, it being a store and residence combined. He likewise has other real-estate holdings in Ganges, and is widely recognized as one of the prosperous and progressive citizens and business men of the county.

In 1890 Mr. Roush was united in marriage to Miss Alice Bare, who was born and reared just south of Ganges. Their children are: Walter, whose birth occurred June 10, 1893; and Hazel, born April 12, 1895.

Mr. Roush is a democrat in his political views and has served as clerk of Franklin township for four years, while at present he is a trustee of Blooming Grove township and also a member of the school board. He is a member of Shiloh Lodge, No. 544, A. F. & A. M., of which he is senior warden, and is also connected with Lodge No. 3575, M. W. A., at Shelby. His wife is identified with the German Baptist church, in the work of which she takes an active and helpful interest. Having spent almost his entire life in this county, he is well and favorably known here and is moreover entitled to representation with its enterprising and successful citizens.

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#### JOSEPH GRUBB.

Joseph Grubb is now practically living retired in Butler but in former years was closely associated with various lines of business and in their conduct has demonstrated his excellent business ability and executive force. He is numbered among the native sons of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Pike township, Knox county, on the 24th of January, 1848, and his parents were Samuel and Mary (Zook) Grubb. The father was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, in 1824, and died in Butler in 1890. The mother passed away in Knox county, at the age of fifty-six years. Samuel Grubb, who devoted his entire life to general agricultural pursuits, lived for a long time in Knox county but the last two years of his life were spent in honorable retirement in Butler. In his family were seven children, of whom five are now living: David, a resident of Butler; Joseph, of this review; Elizabeth, the wife of Isaac Hess, of Butler; Daniel G., who makes his home in Butler; and Mrs. Amanda Sokol, of Monmouth, Jackson county, Iowa.

As boy and youth Joseph Grubb remained upon the home farm in Knox county and at the usual age was sent as a pupil to the public schools, where he mastered the branches of English learning taught through public instruction. He gave his father the benefit of his services until he attained his majority, when he left home and started out in life on his own account. He

had no capital but he possessed willing hands and a strong heart and indomitable energy. Entering the employ of a man at Mount Vernon, he engaged in driving a huckster wagon, continuing in that service until he had saved from his earnings the sum of five hundred dollars, or rather this sum was due him, but he was able to collect only two hundred and forty dollars of it. With this limited capital he went to Mansfield, was married and established a flour and feed business in connection with an uncle, with whom he continued for a year. On the expiration of that period he removed to Ankenytown, Knox county, where he engaged in clerking in a dry-goods store for five years. He then went to Mount Vernon, where he was in the county recorder's office for one year, and through the succeeding year he engaged in conducting a draying business. In April, 1881, he established his home in Butler and for a year thereafter conducted a bakery. His next business venture was made in connection with his brother-in-law, Isaac Hess. Together they purchased a furniture and undertaking establishment and for four years Mr. Grubb continued in business along that line, after which he sold out and turned his attention to painting and paper hanging. Soon he secured a liberal patronage in that line and continued the business until 1898. He bought and shipped both live and dressed poultry. In 1898 he invested in forty acres of land near Butler and his time has since been occupied with the care of this property. His life has always been a busy and useful one and with unfaltering purpose he has worked steadily upward and is now numbered among the substantial residents of the community. He was formerly secretary of the bank in Butler before it was changed to a national bank, is now one of its stockholders and is also a director of the steel furnace factory at Butler.

In October, 1872, Mr. Grubb was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Moore, who was born in Licking county, Ohio, April 15, 1848, and is a daughter of Samuel and Maria (Willis) Moore. The father was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, in 1816 and died in 1886, having reached the age of seventy years. His wife, who was a native of Holmes county, Ohio, passed away in 1865, at the age of fifty years. The father was a miller by trade and took up his residence in Richland county in 1884, spending his remaining days here. All who knew him respected him for the sterling qualities which characterized his life. His family numbered six children: Urias, who is living in Butler; Henry, a resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Susan, deceased; Mrs. Grubb; Sadie, who has also passed away; and Fanny, the wife of Joseph Stanton, of Butler. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Grubb has been blessed with two sons, Alvin J., who for sixteen years has been a telegraph operator for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Butler and lives with his parents; and William B., also at home and also an operator on the Baltimore & Ohio.

Interested in community affairs, Mr. Grubb has given loyal support to many measures that have been of direct and substantial benefit to Butler and the county. He and his brother-in-law, Isaac Hess, and his brother, David Grubb, were the leading spirits in the organization of the Butler Oil & Gas Company, which developed some of the finest grades of oil ever produced in the United States. He has served as assessor of Butler for two years, was also a member of the school board, and has been cemetery trustee. Fraternally

he is connected with Sturgeon Lodge, No. 357, I. O. O. F., and filled the position of financial secretary for a number of years. Both he and his wife are connected with the Rebekah degree and they are also members of the Brethren church. Politically Mr. Grubb has always been a democrat but he does not allow partisanship to bias him in the choice of an incumbent for local offices at elections where no political issue is involved. He stands for progressive citizenship as well as business advancement and his effective and earnest efforts in behalf of the community have made him a citizen whose value is recognized.

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#### THOMAS LUTZ.

Thomas Lutz, residing on section 10, Washington township, where he has a valuable farm of one hundred and twenty-six acres, was born in the province of Wurtemberg, Germany, May 28, 1831, his parents being John Thomas and Mary (Bomgarten) Lutz. The former died in the fatherland and the mother afterward came to America, arriving in this country on the 13th of June, 1847. Purchasing a tract of twenty acres one mile south of where her son Thomas now resides, she here made her home until her demise in 1883.

Thomas Lutz, who is the only surviving member in a family of three children, was sixteen years of age when he accompanied his mother on her emigration to the new world, the voyage being made on a sailing vessel, which was thirty-five days in crossing the Atlantic. For the first three years after his arrival here he worked as a farm hand for ten dollars per month. In 1850, attracted by the discovery of gold in California, he made the journey westward by way of the isthmus of Panama, remaining in the Golden state for a year. During that time he experienced a number of exciting and dangerous adventures and met with a fair measure of success in his search for the precious metal. He had been "grub staked" by William B. Hammett and on his return home, according to the agreement, offered half of his earnings to that gentleman, who, however, refused to take anything except the money which he had loaned our subject, together with ten per cent interest. After being employed by Mr. Hammett as a farm hand for two years, Thomas Lutz determined to engage in agricultural pursuits on his own account and purchased eighty acres of land from his employer. On one occasion he broke his plow point and had to borrow the money with which to buy a new one, but in spite of the difficulties and obstacles which attended him on starting out in life for himself he worked diligently and persistently, clearing his farm and placing thereon many improvements as the years passed by. He now owns a valuable and productive property of one hundred and twenty-six acres, equipped with all modern accessories and conveniences. For the past two years, however, he has rented the place to his son-in-law and now in his later years is enjoying a well earned and justly merited rest. He is well known as a substantial and enterprising citizen of the community and as a man whose life has been upright and honorable in all its relations.

On the 10th of April, 1862, Mr. Lutz was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Fersch, whose birth occurred in Germany, January 11, 1838, her parents being William and Christina Fersch. The former passed away in the fatherland and the mother afterward came to the United States, her death occurring in Illinois. Mrs. Lutz was one of a family of ten children, seven of whom still survive. She emigrated to the new world in 1861, locating in Butler, Ohio, where she had a sister living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lutz have been born nine children, namely: Henry, who married Miss Arminta Fleming and resides in Washington township; William, who wedded Caroline Gritz and makes his home in Lexington, Ohio; Mary, the wife of John Banks, of Mansfield, Ohio; one who died in infancy; John and George, who are also deceased; Lewis, who married Miss Alverta Snyder and lives in Washington township; Thomas, who was joined in wedlock to Miss Nettie Straub and resides in Mansfield, Ohio; and Louise, who is the wife of Orvil Snyder and resides on the farm with her father.

In his political views Mr. Lutz is a democrat and is prominent in the local ranks of his party, having served as township trustee for two terms and as a school director for eleven years. He has also been clerk of the Grange for eleven years, and both he and his wife are devoted and faithful members of the German Lutheran church. They reside in a fine dwelling which they own on their farm in Washington township, and in the community where they have so long made their home are highly respected and esteemed because of their genuine personal worth and many sterling traits of character. Sixty-one years have passed since Mr. Lutz came to Richland county. This state was then a wild district, its lands unclaimed, its resources undeveloped. A few courageous frontiersmen had dared to locate within its borders but the work of progress and improvement remained to the future and there was little promise of early development. In the years which have since passed Mr. Lutz has not only witnessed a most wonderful transformation but has largely aided in the labors which have transformed the wild tract into a splendid commonwealth. Now in his declining years he is living retired, enjoying the well earned rest which is the merited reward of a long and honorable business career.

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#### WILLIAM W. DISBRO.

William W. Disbro, superintendent of the Mansfield cemetery, was born in Bloomington, Illinois, April 25, 1854. The following year his parents, Abraham and Jane (Ferguson) Disbro, removed to Newville, Richland county, Ohio, which place became the family home. In their family were five sons and three daughters, but one son and one daughter are now deceased.

The life of William W. Disbro has been an exemplification of the lines in Pope's Essay on Man:

"Honor and fame from no condition rise,  
Act well your part, there all the honor lies."

His parents were not financially of the favored ones of earth and the conditions that confronted him in early life made it necessary that he provide for his own support, so that as a boy he obtained employment in a woolen mill. After working in that way for a time he secured a situation on a farm owned by the late Cyrus Herring, in whose employ he continued for eleven years. After he left the farm he turned his attention to the meat trade, with which he was connected for five years, and subsequently he served an apprenticeship to the barber's trade and engaged in that business at Newville. Later he conducted a barber shop at Nevada, Wyandot county.

While residing in the latter place Mr. Disbro became acquainted with Clara L. Johnson, whom he wedded on the 16th of June, 1886. Soon after his marriage he returned to Richland county and with his bride began house-keeping in Newville, his old home, where they lived until September, 1887, when they removed to Mansfield, where they have since resided. Soon after coming to the city Mr. Disbro obtained employment in the Mansfield cemetery under the superintendency of Abner Wright. In September, 1891, he was made foreman of the cemetery, which position he held for two years or until he was elected superintendent, in which capacity he has served continuously since. Without intending disparagement to any of his predecessors, it can truthfully be said of Mr. Disbro that he is the most efficient and popular superintendent the association ever had. Upon being elected to the position, in order to more thoroughly qualify himself for the clerical duties of his office, Mr. Disbro pursued a night course in the Mansfield Business College, and at the close of the term was graduated in bookkeeping. When he accepted the position of superintendent of the cemetery he determined at all times to be affable and courteous to those with whom he was brought in contact, and his general popularity today attests the fact that he has faithfully carried out the resolution he formed when he went into office. He is today one of the substantial citizens of Mansfield, owning two lots of two acres each within the corporation limits of the city, besides a good farm of eighty acres in Crawford county, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Disbro are members of the First Congregational church of Mansfield and are held in high esteem in the community in which they have lived for many years. Mr. Disbro is truly a self-made man and, as stated, his success attests the truth of Pope's lines that in true worth all the honor lies.

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#### SILAS RUMMEL.

Silas Rummel, one of the largest landowners of Richland county, is now living retired on one of his farms just outside the village of Lucas. He comes of German ancestry and is a native son of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Seneca county, July 6, 1834. His grandfather, Lewis Frederick Rummel, emigrated to this country from Berlin, where he was a member of the royal family. He was there educated for the ministry but left home when still in his teens and never afterward heard from his parents.

Our subject's father, Lewis Rummel, was a native of Maryland, born in 1804, and the mother, Elizabeth (Nicholas) Rummel, was also a native of that state. The father removed to Ohio in 1832, and being a miller by trade, followed that line of business for several years after coming to the Buckeye state. In 1850 he brought his family to Richland county but after a time made his way to Knox county, where for eleven years he conducted a mill. He once more returned to Richland county and purchased a farm, whereon he made his home until the time of his demise. When he first settled here there were still a great many Indians to be seen and he did considerable trading with the Wyandotte tribe. He was married twice and by the first union six children were born but four of the number are deceased, the brother of our subject being Alfred, a resident of Jackson county, Oregon. The wife and mother died in 1838, and two years later, in 1840, Mr. Rummel was married a second time and by this union were also born six children, as follows: Mary, the wife of Eli Berry, of Monroe township, this county; John C., a resident of Idaho; Emily, deceased; David, of Polk county, Missouri; Katura, the wife of John Baker, of Shelby, Ohio; and Nancy J., the wife of Winfield Carnegie, of Butler, Richland county. The mother of this family passed away in the early '80s, while the father survived for a number of years, his death occurring in 1891. The father always took an active part in political life and his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Disciples church.

Silas Rummel was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the common schools. In his early manhood he learned the millwright's trade, following the same for twenty years. In 1863 he purchased a mill on Rockyfork, known as the old Campbell mill, which he conducted for five years. He later disposed of that and purchased the old Field mill at Lucas, conducting the same until 1902, since which time he has lived retired on a farm near the city of Lucas. During his active business career he acquired a large amount of land, owning four hundred and twenty acres on section 9, Monroe township, and in addition he owns three hundred and eighty-six acres in Jackson county, Arkansas, a hotel and livery stable in Lucas, residence property in Lucas and other property in the west.

Mr. Rummel chose as a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Miss Susan Lahman, to whom he was wedded December 20, 1860. She was born in Knox county, Ohio, August 5, 1839, a daughter of Abner and Elizabeth (Moots) Lahman, the former born in Rockingham county, Virginia, while the mother's birth occurred in Bedford county, Pennsylvania. They came to Richland county at an early date, their family numbering five children. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Rummel was blessed with seven children, namely: Delorta, who was born November 25, 1861, and is now the wife of O. E. Swigart, of Mansfield, Ohio; William A., deceased; Mary E., the wife of Lewis Dickes, of Arkansas; George L. and Otis A., also of Arkansas, where they are engaged in the timber business; Edwin G., a physician of Butler, Ohio; and Flora, the wife of Sidney Baughman, of Richland county.

Mr. Rummel gives his political support to the republican party but has never been active as an office seeker. His wife is a member of the Congrega-

tional church. Mr. Rummel is everywhere known for his integrity and honorable methods. Throughout a long, useful and active business career he was never known to take advantage of another in any transaction, so that the competency he has acquired has been worthily won.

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#### HENRY O. PITTINGER.

Henry O. Pittenger, a prominent and successful farmer of Weller township, where he owns and operates four hundred acres of land, one hundred and four acres of which constitutes a portion of the farm which his father bought in 1851, was born in Franklin township, November 29, 1839, the son of Isaac and Harriet (Myers) Pittenger. The father was born in Harrison county, Ohio, in 1808, and came to Richland county with his bride in 1830, where he bought a farm in Franklin township from the government. It was all timber land and wholly unimproved, but nothing daunted, he proceeded to build a log cabin, to clear the land and to plant his seed. In 1851 he sold this place and bought the farm which is a part of the present holdings of our subject. He resided here until 1866, when he removed to another farm which he owned in Weller township, but a year later he removed to Madison township, where he spent the remainder of his days. He died in 1880, highly esteemed and revered by all. He wedded Harriet Myers, who was born in Miami county, Ohio, in 1815, and who survived her husband for a number of years, passing away in 1900 at the venerable age of eighty-six years. Of the five children born to this union our subject is the only one now living.

Henry O. Pittenger received a good common school education in the district schools of Richland county, which he attended as regularly as his farm duties would permit. He began his education in a log schoolhouse a mile from his home. He aided his father in his enterprises up to the time he was twenty-three years of age, when, at the outbreak of the Civil war, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. While in the army he contracted typhoid fever, as a result of which he has not had good health since. On receiving an honorable discharge from the army, he returned to the parental roof and resumed farming operations. In 1872 he bought the home place of one hundred and four acres, which he cultivated with such success that he has been able to add thereto from time to time until he now has four hundred acres in the home farm. His landed possessions now aggregate nine hundred acres, all in Richland county.

On March 23, 1871, Mr. Pittenger was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Mary Morgan, who was born in Miller township, September 23, 1837, the daughter of Simon and Mary (Charles) Morgan. Her father was born in Clinton county, Ohio, in 1778, and came to Richland county about 1812, where he engaged in surveying. He and his brother worked in this capacity all over this section of the country and in a part of Kentucky. He died on



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February 22, 1855, aged seventy-seven years. The mother was also a native of Clinton county, Ohio. She died in March, 1884, at the venerable age of eighty years. Six children were born to their union, of whom two are now living, namely: Sarah M., the wife of our subject; and Frances A., the wife of James McNall, of Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Pittenger have been born two children, namely: Isaac Morgan, who resides with his father on the farm. He wedded Miss Clo Russell and they have become the parents of one daughter, Fern. Tracy Ellsworth married Miss Emma Sunkle and lives in the house next to his father's.

Mr. Pittenger's residence was built by his father when he was eighteen years of age, but it has since been remodeled and converted into a beautiful home, all the more dear to its occupants because of the associations connected with it. In national politics Mr. Pittenger votes the republican ticket, but locally he votes for men and measures rather than for party. He has never sought office, but is now serving as justice of the peace, as is also his son, Isaac Morgan. Fraternally, he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to Jacob Ward Post, of Pavonia.

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#### MRS. MARY E. CLINE.

Mrs. Mary E. Cline owns a valuable tract of land, comprising one hundred and sixty acres, situated on section 36, Jackson township, and in the management of this displays excellent business ability. Mrs. Cline was born on the farm where she now resides, October 22, 1844, a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Gordon) Cairns. The former was born in Mansfield, Richland county, February 15, 1815, and was a son of Richard and Harriet Cairns. The grandfather was a native of Ireland and was a sea captain, while the grandmother was born in England and had been previously married. Her first husband bore the name of Wilson and by him she had three daughters. Following his demise she gave her hand in marriage to Richard Cairns. Upon their emigration to America they at once made their way to Richland county, Ohio, where they spent their remaining days. Their family numbered three children: Robert, Joseph and Mrs. Harriet McLaughlin.

Robert Cairns was reared and educated in this county and in early life worked at the cabinetmaker's trade. He then engaged in farming in Jackson township and became a wealthy landowner, having four hundred acres, situated on section 36, Jackson township. He was throughout a long period identified with the agricultural interests of the county but in later life retired, making his home in Mansfield until the time of his death, which occurred in 1895, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty years. His wife, who, as stated, bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Gordon, was born in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, in January, 1815, and when a little maiden of eleven years accompanied her parents on their removal from the Keystone state to Richland county, the journey being made in a covered wagon and the daughter walking the greater part of the distance. She also passed away in Mansfield when seventy-four years of age.

Their family numbered nine children, as follows: Mrs. Amanda Myers, deceased; Joseph, who lives on a portion of the old homestead in Jackson township; John, who served in the Civil war as a member of Company E, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Robert, who also served with that company and has departed this life; Richard, who was a member of that company and now makes his home in Mansfield; Mrs. Harriet Barr, of that city; Mary E., now Mrs. Cline and the subject of this review; Mrs. Emma Miller, also a resident of Mansfield; and Mrs. Charlotte Patterson, of that city.

Mary E. Cairns was reared on the home farm in Jackson township and acquired her education in the district schools near her father's home. She was early trained by her mother in the duties of the household, so that at the time of her marriage she was well qualified to take charge of a home of her own. It was in 1866, when she was a young lady of twenty-two years, that she gave her hand in marriage to Jackson Cline, a son of Michael and Matilda (Murphy) Cline. At the time of her father's death she inherited one hundred and sixty acres of the homestead property, situated on section 36, Jackson township, and here she now resides, giving her supervision to the operation of the place.

By her marriage Mrs. Cline has become the mother of eight children, as follows: Robert, who is superintendent of the Bell Telephone Company at Indianapolis, Indiana; John, a resident of Columbus, Ohio; Tillie, who died at the age of nineteen years; Elizabeth, the wife of Frank Gribling; Elzy, who is manager of the Home Telephone Company at Toledo, Ohio; Charles O., who also makes his home in that city; Albert, of Columbus; and Ada, the wife of Fred Hunt, a resident of Mansfield.

Mrs. Cline is a gentle, kindly woman, charitable in her estimate of every one. In the care and management of her farm she shows sound judgment and excellent business ability, while her social qualities are such as to render her popular among her many friends and acquaintances.

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#### CHARLES GRIFFITH.

In the early part of the nineteenth century the grandfather of Charles Griffith settled on section 23, Plymouth township, on the farm which has since been divided and is now occupied by Milton W. Griffith and Charles Griffith, who are cousins. It was upon this farm that Charles Griffith was born April 11, 1855, his parents being Levi and Nancy (Kelley) Griffith. The father was born September 13, 1826, on the old homestead, and spent his entire life as a farmer. He had one hundred and twenty-seven acres of land, which he brought under a high state of cultivation and improvement. He died in March, 1899, while his wife, who was born in January, 1828, passed away in July, 1896. She was a daughter of Charles Kelley, who was a native of Ireland and came to the United States in his boyhood days, where he cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Crawford and Richland counties. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Levi Griffith were born four children: Benjamin F., who is

now living at Granville, Ohio; Charles; Ida Amanda, the wife of Professor H. B. Adams, of Lima, Ohio; and Wilbur, who is living in Crestline, Ohio.

Charles Griffith spent the days of his boyhood and youth on the home farm and acquired his education in the public schools. He continued to assist his father until 1889, when he rented a farm of eighty acres in Auburn township, Crawford county, and continued its cultivation for five years. He then removed to Tyro and worked in a gristmill for four and one-half years. He then returned to the farm, where he has remained since 1899. He has ninety acres here in section 23, Plymouth township, of which fifty acres was entered by his grandfather, Benjamin Griffith, who secured the northwestern quarter of the section as a claim from the government, and it has always since remained in possession of the family. Levi Griffith purchased the adjoining tract of forty acres, and Charles Griffith is now conducting the place as a grain and stock farm. He has the place well improved and everything about the farm is indicative of his faithful supervision and practical methods.

In 1883 Mr. Griffith was married to Miss Laura Caldwell, who was born in Athens county, Ohio, February 13, 1861, a daughter of Captain D. B. Caldwell, of Vickery, Sandusky county, Ohio. He served as a soldier in the Mexican war, running away from home and enlisting under another name. He was also a captain in the Civil war and, being taken prisoner, was incarcerated for eighteen months in Libby prison. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith have one child, Cleo Caldwell, who was born in Tyro, Ohio, June 29, 1899. The parents are members of the Lutheran church in Tyro, in which Mr. Griffith is serving as deacon. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and he has served as school and road officer and also on the election board.

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#### MARION D. WARD.

Marion D. Ward, secretary of the Mechanics' Building & Loan Association and prominently connected with many of Mansfield's important financial, commercial and industrial concerns, was born in Weller township, Richland county, Ohio, on the 20th of November, 1841. He spent his boyhood on the home farm and received his education in the district school and at the Hayesville Academy, which he attended for two terms. When twenty years of age he began teaching and during the winter of 1861-62 taught a country school. On the 7th of August, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Civil war as a sergeant of Company D, One Hundred and Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, remaining with that company during its entire campaign and participating in the battle of Athens, Alabama, and intercepting Hood at Decatur, Alabama. He served throughout the war and was mustered out July 7, 1865. On returning to the home farm he taught school and also singing school for nine winters.

On the 5th of November, 1873, Mr. Ward was united in marriage, at the home of his bride's father, to Mary Stevenson, a daughter of Samuel Stevenson, a farmer and pioneer resident of Weller township. In that township Mr. Ward

taught school during the following winter and in the spring of 1874 took up his abode in Mansfield. From that time until the fall of 1877 he served continuously as deputy auditor of Richland county, being then elected auditor and serving as such until the fall of 1880. Owing to his reelection at that time he filled the position until the fall of 1883, having for two terms of three years each been the capable and faithful incumbent in the office. Upon retiring from public service he entered the wholesale lumber business and, in association with Merchant Carter, established the firm of Carter & Ward. His connection with lumber interests was thus maintained until 1893, and during that time he was a member of the board of education for six years, serving as its president for one year and as its treasurer for three years. He was also a member of the Richland Agricultural Society from 1875 until 1893, acting as its treasurer until 1887, in which year he was elected secretary. During his incumbency in that position, which continued until 1893, improvements were made upon the grounds and buildings of the society and additional grounds were annexed at a cost of more than twenty-five thousand dollars. In January, 1893, he was one of the organizers of the Bank of Mansfield and became the assistant cashier of the institution, while in the spring of 1897 he became cashier, remaining in the latter capacity until the spring of 1907. He then retired but still retains his interest in the bank, being succeeded in the position of cashier by his son, Stevenson E. Ward. He was likewise one of the original stockholders of the Mechanics Building & Loan Association when it was organized in 1886 and became its secretary in 1891, which office he still holds. He was also one of the founders and organizers of the Mansfield Telephone Company in 1898, which has proven one of the most successful and most beneficial institutions of the city, and has been secretary and treasurer since its beginning. He is one of the five equal partners in the May Realty Company, to the credit of which concern there stand many commodious and substantial structures in this city. Among the various other enterprises in Mansfield in which he is largely interested are the Ohio Suspender Company, the Mansfield Lumber Company, the Gallego Coal & Land Company and the Ohio Timber Company, the two last named operating in West Virginia. He has invested to some extent in Mansfield real estate and among his holdings is his home at No. 117 North Mulberry street, where he has resided since 1879. History is no longer a record of wars, conquests and strife between man and man as in former years but is the account of business and intellectual development, and the real upbuilders of a community are they who found and conduct successful commercial and financial interests. In this connection Marion D. Ward is widely known, his cooperation having been sought in the establishment and control of many of the most important enterprises of Mansfield.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ward have been born four children, two sons and two daughters. The latter, Mabel and Edna, are both at home. Stevenson E., cashier of the Bank of Mansfield, married Miss May L., a daughter of Jerry and Katherine Sullivan, of Mansfield. M. D. Ward, Jr., is a member of the firm of H. L. Bowers Cigar Company, manufacturers of this city. He wedded Hazel, the daughter of Louis and Ella Bowers, of Mansfield.

A firm believer in the democracy, Mr. Ward took an active part in the local work of that organization for many years. That he has labored unselfishly for the good of the community is shown in the fact that while serving as trustee of the Orphans' Home for three years he appointed a man of opposite political belief as superintendent. On account of this he was asked to resign but refused to do so, saying that politics should not enter into consideration in caring for the children of the county who were orphans. He was also instrumental in having the Western Union Telegram Company's stock and other stock taxed. He is a member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, the Westbrook Country Club, and his religious faith is indicated by his identification with the First Methodist Episcopal church. He is very fond of music and all out-of-door sports but of recent years has indulged in the latter only as a spectator. He owns an automobile, which furnishes him his principal source of recreation, and he likewise has a fine library, being a lover of good literature. Though modest and retiring in disposition, his friends find him a genial, social companion, and he stands today as one of the foremost citizens of Mansfield by reason of his long residence here, by reason of his active, honorable and successful connection with its business interests, and by reason of the helpful part which he has taken in promoting those plans and measures that have been of direct benefit to the city.

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#### P. S. BAUGHMAN.

P. S. Baughman, a native son of Richland county, has now passed the seventy-first milestone on the journey of life, yet he is still actively engaged in agricultural pursuits and is numbered among the substantial citizens of Monroe township, where he owns a good farm property comprising one hundred and twenty acres of land. He was born May 6, 1837, a son of Aaron and Catherine (Schrock) Baughman, the former a son of Abram Baughman. The grandfather was born in the state of Pennsylvania and came to Richland county, perhaps about 1810, presumably with three brothers, they being among the first residents of Richland county. The mother of our subject was born in the Keystone state and was brought to Richland county by her parents during her infancy. By her marriage she became the mother of nine children, namely: P. S., whose name introduces this review; John, a farmer residing near Bellville, Ohio; George, who served in the Civil war as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Regiment, and died during his term of enlistment; Silas, who died in childhood; A. P., a farmer of Monroe township; Solomon, who resides in the west; Mrs. Mary Jane Robinson, a widow; Harriet, who lives in Monroe township; Martha, the wife of Squire Wolf. The mother of this family passed away in 1899.

P. S. Baughman was reared on the home farm, assisting his father in the operation of the home place until he attained his majority. His education was acquired in the common schools, wherein he mastered the ordinary branches of learning. After attaining his majority he engaged in teaching

school and at the expiration of his first term returned to the home farm, whereon he remained until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted as a member of Company A, McLaughlin's Squadron of Cavalry, and took part in many important engagements, participating in the celebrated march to the sea. After serving three years he was mustered out January 28, 1864, being at that time commissary and quartermaster sergeant.

Following his discharge from the army, Mr. Baughman again took up school teaching and taught for a period of eight terms, after which he resumed farm labor. He is now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land, situated in Monroe township, all of which has been acquired through his own thrift and energy. On his farm are seen excellent buildings, including a good house and substantial barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He is engaged in raising the various cereals best adapted to soil and climate and makes a specialty of the raising of wheat, in which he is meeting with excellent success.

Mr. Baughman married Miss Rebecca Peterson, whose father bore the name of Thomas Peterson and came to Richland county from the state of New Jersey. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Baughman has been blessed with four children: Lucina, the wife of George Applegate, a farmer of Mifflin township, Ashland county, this state; Sidney, who assists in the operation of the home farm; Viola, deceased; and Grace, the wife of Ira Mathews, of Lucas, Ohio.

The political allegiance of Mr. Baughman is given to the men and measures of the democratic party. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity and with the Grand Army of the Republic. He attends and supports the Baptist church while his wife is a member of that denomination.

He thoroughly enjoys home life and takes great pleasure in the society of his family and friends. He is always kindly and affable and those who know him personally have for him warm regard. He ever has the interests of the community at heart and is as loyal to the public welfare as he was to his country during the dark days of the Civil war and no citizen of this section of the state is held in higher esteem.

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#### BENJAMIN E. MILLER.

A well improved and highly developed farm of eighty acres, situated three miles southwest of Ganges, on section 13, Jackson township, is the home of Benjamin E. Miller, who was born in Richland county, October 24, 1839. He is a son of Isaac H. and Catharine Miller, the former born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1816, while the mother's birth occurred in Germany, in 1818. She was sixteen years of age at the time of the emigration of her parents to America, the family home being established in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Miller were married in the Keystone state about 1848, coming to Ohio shortly afterward. They located near Ganges on a farm

and some four years later removed to a farm one mile east of Shelby, where John Arnold now lives and where they spent their remaining days. Both passed away when they had reached the age of seventy-seven years. Their family numbered eleven children, of whom seven still survive, the family record being as follows: Benjamin E., of this review; Mrs. Margaret Reese, of Jackson township; Mrs. Anna Sutter, of Shelby; Mrs. Lina Roush, of Williams county, this state; Mrs. Eva Newman, also of Shelby; Isaac E., of Ada, Ohio; Henry J., of Williams county, this state; Amos, who died at the age of sixteen years; and David, Jacob and John, all of whom died in infancy.

Benjamin E. Miller, whose name introduces this review, was a little lad of three years when his parents removed from their farm near Ganges to a tract of land near Shelby in Jackson township. There the son was reared to mature years, remaining under the parental roof until he had attained the age of twenty-two. He then started out in life on his own account, locating on a farm which he cultivated for one year. He then removed to his present home, which at that time belonged to his father-in-law, David Finicle. This comprised sixty-five acres and after Mr. Miller purchased the same he added an additional tract of fifteen acres, making in all eighty acres. He has improved the place with good buildings, has set out apple, peach and pear trees, and now has a model property. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising and both branches of his business are proving a profitable source of revenue to him.

At the outbreak of the Civil war Mr. Miller put aside all business and personal considerations and enlisted for service, becoming a member of Company D, Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he became identified on the 18th of April, 1861. He made a creditable military record and after his return from the war resumed farming, which has been his occupation to the present time.

The marriage of Mr. Miller occurred in 1862, the lady of his choice being Miss Sarah Finicle, who was born in Jackson township, September 22, 1842, a daughter of David and Margaret (Hershiser) Finicle, the former a native of Pennsylvania, born April 20, 1816. The mother was born March 18, 1820, and their marriage occurred on the 13th of September, 1838. The father was prominent in democratic circles and was assessor of Jackson township. He passed away in October, 1893, when more than seventy-seven years of age, while his wife reached the advanced age of eighty-one years. Their children, seven in number, were as follows: Mrs. Mary Ann Landis, of Shelby; Mrs. Barbara Ellen Landis, now deceased; Sarah J., now Mrs. Miller; Mrs. Elizabeth Winton who has departed this life; Willard S., of Lima, Ohio; Elmer, who has departed this life; and Clara, who died at the age of two years.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Miller has been blessed with nine children, as follows: Willard A., a resident of Kansas; Ida, the wife of Isaac Stein, of Plymouth township; Clara, at home; George, of Cass township; Cora, who died at the age of eleven years; Florence, the wife of William Bushey, of Shelby; Ira, of Cass township; Jennie, a resident of Angola, Indiana; and Charles, at home.

Mr. Miller's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give stalwart support to the republican party. He has never been an office seeker, however, preferring to give his undivided time and attention to his private business affairs. He has brooked no obstacles that could be overcome by honest and persistent effort, and this, coupled with his sound judgment and excellent business ability, has won him the deserved success which is today his, and now in the evening of life he can look back over a life well spent, enjoying the comforts and many luxuries which have been made possible by his former life of activity and usefulness.

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HON. W. S. CAPPELLER.

Among the prominent men of Mansfield the Hon. W. S. Cappeller is in the front rank for everything that represents good citizenship, public enterprise and business push. By his observance of fundamental rules of business, based upon rectitude and fidelity to the confidences reposed in him, he has won the highest public esteem, resulting in his success. Mr. Cappeller has done more for the success, growth and upbuilding of the city of Mansfield than has any other man within its borders.

The ability of a man to rise above the ranks and attain a position of prominence in the world presupposes a strength above the average, a stability of character that will endure all discouragements and disappointments and in the end triumph over every impediment that obstructs the pathway of success. Mr. Cappeller is a gentleman who has obtained honor in the state of Ohio by his personal merit, his integrity of character and a strict adherence to the highest standard of principles. He has not only achieved an enviable reputation as the editor of the Mansfield Daily News, but he is well known throughout the state as an aggressive and uncompromising republican, and few gatherings of any importance are considered complete without his presence.

Mr. Cappeller was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1839, and after attending the public schools, finished his education at Farmers College, located near Cincinnati.

He was chairman of the republican state committee in 1880, 1886, 1887 and 1888, during which time his management of the campaigns was characterized by great executive ability. He was state commissioner of railroads and telegraphs of Ohio in 1887, 1888 and 1889, and while in office he amicably adjusted, satisfactory to all concerned, matters of difference between railroads and employes, alleged freight discriminations and other complicated questions referred to his department for arbitration.

Mr. Cappeller came to Mansfield in the spring of 1885 and established the Daily News, the first daily paper published in this part of Ohio. The beginning was a modest one; the way was beset with obstacles, but the indomitable will of Mr. Cappeller would not bend, and by perseverance, patience, application and good management the Daily News secured a firm footing, and today occupies its own home, a four-story brick building especially erected by him for its use, and is equipped with type-setting machines, fast web color perfecting presses and receives associated press reports direct to



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operators in the office. The News is one of the leading republican newspapers in north-central Ohio, is a live, up-to-date sheet and enjoys the distinction of being one of the most widely quoted papers in Ohio.

In 1886 Mr. Cappeller headed the call for the organization of the Ohio Associated Dailies and was president of the organization for several years. He was president of the National Editorial Association 1892-1893 and with George W. Childs took part in the opening exercises of the Childs-Drexel Printers Home at Colorado Springs, May, 1892.

Mr. Cappeller, while auditor of Hamilton county was the author of "The Taxpayer's Manual," a work on taxation of individuals, banks, and corporations which was highly endorsed by the leading judges and lawyers of the state. For a number of years Mr. Cappeller has been prominent in a number of fraternal orders and in 1878 was grand master of Ohio of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Cappeller was elected and served as president of the Mansfield Chamber of Commerce for the years 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905.

The Ohio State Journal recently had this to say about the subject of this sketch:

"The Hon. W. S. Cappeller is well known as a man of broad views and unfaltering in his allegiance to his party and friends. At home, in the sanctum or on the stump, he is ever the courteous, genial gentleman, whose pleasing address and fine social qualities have drawn about him a large circle of friends, and these same attributes, combined with industry and honesty of purpose, have conduced to bring about the success which he now, in the prime of life, is enjoying."

Mr. Cappeller is now serving his second term as postmaster of Mansfield; has done a great deal for the benefit of the city and is a man in whom our citizens take a commendable pride.

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#### MILTON W. GRIFFITH.

Milton W. Griffith, who is living on section 23, Plymouth township, was born in Crawford county about three miles west of his present home, December 19, 1852. His parents were John and Elmira (Trago) Griffith. The father was born on the farm where his son Milton now resides and represented one of the old Ohio families, his parents being Benjamin and Priscilla (Hultz) Griffith, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. Benjamin Griffith was born in Bedford county, that state, and came to Ohio in 1819, entering from the government one hundred and sixty acres of land. He afterward returned to Pennsylvania, was married, and with his young wife came to Ohio the following year. He had built a cabin on his first visit and it is still standing upon the Griffith farm, one of the mute reminders of the many changes which have occurred as the county has taken on all of the evidences of a modern civilization. He cleared away the timber and brush and brought the farm under cultivation. He lived in true pioneer style, occupying the log cabin, while a log barn was used to shelter the cattle and horses. He took an active

and helpful part in the development and upbuilding of this portion of the state and was prominent in community affairs. He became one of the first justices of the peace in his township and so served until his death. His family numbered five children: John; Levi, who died in this county; Mrs. Lucilla Kirkendall, deceased; Mrs. Jennie Pattent, of Mount Pleasant, Michigan; and David, who died of fever in Cincinnati while attending school there.

John Griffith, the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead farm and his entire life was spent upon this place, with the exception of about seven years passed in Crawford county after his marriage. His wife was a native of Crawford county. His death occurred at the age of sixty-four years, while Mrs. Griffith passed away in 1877 at the age of fifty-five years. An earnest Christian man, he held membership in the Baptist church, and the cause of education found in him a faithful friend who did active service in its behalf while filling many school offices. His political allegiance was given to the republican party. Unto Mr. and Mrs. John Griffith were born four children: Milton W.; Sarah, wife of J. C. Werchkeel, of Portland, Oregon; Orissa, the wife of Otis Moore, of Middletown, New York; and Howard, of Crawford county, Ohio.

Milton W. Griffith was reared to farm life, spending his first seven years on the farm where he was born and then coming with his parents to the farm upon which he now resides. It has since been his home with the exception of a period of two years passed in Ellsworth, Kansas, where he engaged in the hardware business soon after his marriage. He now owns and cultivates seventy-five acres of land on section 23, Plymouth township, which is a part of the claim that was entered from the government by his grandfather, but in addition to the tilling of the soil he also works at the carpenter's trade and leads a life of activity and enterprise.

In 1876 Milton Griffith was married to Miss Amanda Morse, a native of Crawford county, Ohio, and a daughter of Amos and Mahitable (Carlisle) Morse, both of whom were natives of New York. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Griffith have been born four children: Frank; Bertha, wife of Harry Oswiler, of Shelby; and Lucy and Harry, both at home.

Mr. Griffith is now filling the office of justice of the peace and has been the only one in the southern part of the township for twenty-eight years. His decisions are strictly fair and impartial. He has been president of the board of education of Plymouth township and has held various school offices, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity. In politics he is a republican and socially he is connected with Paris Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Plymouth. All who know him esteem him for his genuine worth, as he is classed with the representative agriculturists of the community and is always loyal to the work of public progress here.

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#### JESSE CASHELL.

Jesse Cashell, residing on his valuable farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 12, Washington township, was born in Medina county, Ohio, March 19, 1841, his parents being George and Sarah (McDonald) Cashell, the

former born near Wheeling, West Virginia, in April, 1802, and the latter in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1812. After leaving his native state the father was married in Mifflin township, Richland county, Ohio, in 1838, and subsequently located in Medina county, Ohio, where he lived for five years. On the expiration of that period he came to Richland county, purchasing forty acres of land which is now a part of his son's farm. He cleared the land and developed a good property, later adding forty acres to his original purchase. Here he was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until called to his final rest on the 20th of May, 1875, the county thus losing one of its honored and respected pioneers. He owned and operated the first threshing machine ever brought into the county. He was a stanch republican in his political views and was a public-spirited and enterprising citizen. His wife survived him until April, 1893, when she, too, passed away. Unto this worthy couple were born three children, namely: Wesley, whose death occurred in 1907 at the age of sixty-eight years; Jesse, of this review; and Chester, who died in 1891.

Jesse Cashell was but three years of age when brought by his parents to Richland county and he was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. At the outbreak of the Civil war in April, 1861, he enlisted for three months' service as a member of Company D, Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and in October, 1861, reenlisted in Company C, Sixty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. In 1864 he once more enlisted in the same company and regiment, taking advantage of the veteran enlistment and receiving a bounty of four hundred dollars. He participated in the engagements of Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge, Dalton, Kennesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Lovejoy Station, Adairsville, Georgia, and Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville, Tennessee. Many hazardous experiences fell to his lot and a number of times holes were shot in his clothing. On one occasion when he leaned over to assist a wounded comrade to the rear a bullet struck him in the crown of the head and passed out through his hat band. At another time his clothes were cut across his breast but he escaped serious injury, and was one of two men who took part in all of the engagements and were uninjured out of ninety-eight members of his company who left Mansfield. He was honorably discharged in December, 1865, and mustered out at Columbus, arriving home on the 4th of January, 1866. He had been a loyal defender of the Union for four years and six months, which is a longer period of service than that of any other Civil war soldier in the county. In the darkest hour of our country's history he stood loyally by the Union and fought bravely, until its supremacy had been established forevermore.

On again taking up the pursuits of civil life Mr. Cashell rented from his father the place which he now owns, thus continuing its operation until his father's death, when he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the property. He now has a highly improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres, equipped with all the conveniences and accessories of a model property of the twentieth century, and was successfully engaged in its cultivation until the spring of 1908, when he rented the place. He is well and favorably known

throughout the community as a prosperous and enterprising citizen, whose aid and influence are ever given on the side of right, truth and progress.

On the 19th of November, 1861, Mr. Cashell was united in marriage to Miss Margaret J. Patterson, whose birth occurred in Lexington, Ohio, December 3, 1840, her parents being Milo and Catherine (Statemiller) Patterson, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson were married in this county, locating in Lexington, where the former followed blacksmithing for a number of years. He passed away in 1878 at the age of sixty-six years, while his wife's death had occurred in 1860, when she was forty-seven years of age. Of their ten children, five still survive, as follows: Mrs. Cashell; Mrs. Axie Reynolds, of Mansfield, Ohio; Harriet, who likewise makes her home in Mansfield; Mrs. Mary Gyher and Charles, also residents of Mansfield.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cashell have been born five children: George, a resident of Madison township, married Miss Clara McCullough and they have two children, Hobart and Jesse Lewis. Willard, now deceased, wedded Mary Ann Marks and had three children: Ethel, now the wife of Charles Balliet; Stella and Orpha. Charles, a resident of Mansfield, married Addie Beck and they have two children, Hazel and Jesse Ray. Sarah is at home. One child died in infancy.

In his political views Mr. Cashell is a stalwart republican, while fraternally he is connected with Lucas Lodge, No. 224, I. O. O. F. Both he and his wife are devoted and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Mansfield, and are widely known and highly esteemed as worthy representatives of old pioneer families of the county.

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#### FRANK S. CULP.

Frank S. Culp, engaged in the practice of law at Butler and manifesting in his professional career an ability which promises well for future success, was born in Marion, Ohio, July 26, 1874, his parents being Jacob and Mary Katharine (Fullmer) Culp. The father was born in Germany on the 10th of April, 1829, and the mother's birth occurred in the same country, November 18, 1836. She crossed the Atlantic to the new world in 1854, when a young lady of seventeen years, and Jacob Culp made the long voyage across the ocean in 1856. He first located in Marion, Ohio, and in 1858 was married. He is a stone-mason and followed his trade in Marion for twenty years, being closely associated with building operations in the city during that time. He was an excellent workman and many contracts were therefore awarded him, so that as the years passed he prospered in his undertakings and acquired through his well directed labors a handsome competence which enabled him to live retired. He died April 4, 1896, and his widow now resides on the farm near La Rue, Marion county. Their family numbered ten children: Jacob W., a resident of Mead, Kansas; Susan D., the wife of Henry E. Muth, of Mansfield; John H., who lives near Mount Victory, Ohio; Charles, whose home is in Delaware county, this state; George, deceased; Mary, the wife of George E. Muth, of Mansfield; one who died in infancy; W. A., a resident of Columbus; Frank S., of this review; and S. Arthur, who is living with inother on the home farm.

Although born in the city of Marion, Frank S. Culp was only two years of age when his parents removed to the farm, so that his education was acquired in the district schools. He left home at the age of seventeen years to start out in life on his own account and has since been dependent upon his own resources, so that he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in life. On the 2d of April, 1892, he went to Mansfield and worked for one summer at the carpenter's trade, but ambitious to direct his efforts into lines demanding keen intellectual force, in the fall of that year he attended the Ohio Business College at Mansfield and was graduated April 12, 1893. He then went to work in the grocery and bakery of E. P. Croft, with whom he remained for five months. He was afterward in the employ of John Frederick, a merchant tailor and clothier, and later he again attended the Ohio Business College.

Being taken sick, he lay ill of brain fever and grip for eleven weeks, and it was following this that he began reading law as a student in the office of Donnell & Marriott at Mansfield. He began his studies on the 8th of June, 1894. As his financial resources rendered it imperative that he provide for his own support, he worked for the street car company as a conductor during the summer months and attended school during the winter. Thus four years passed and in the following spring he suffered from an attack of appendicitis that kept him in bed for nine weeks. He then again entered the employ of the street car company, but after six weeks was obliged to give up the position on account of his health. In March, 1899, he took the law examination at Columbus, became ill there and was taken to the hospital, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis that kept him confined to the house for eleven weeks. On his recovery he worked at the carpenter's trade for six months and later attended the university of Ada, where he pursued a special course in law, being admitted to the bar on the 14th of October, 1899. In May, 1900, he located for practice in Butler, where he has since remained. The many obstacles and difficulties which he encountered serve to emphasize the fact that he is a man of resolute spirit and unfaltering determination, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. Entering upon the practice of law, he has displayed marked ability in handling intricate problems of the profession. He prepares his cases with great thoroughness and care and his analytical power enables him to arrive at correct deductions, while in the courts he never fails to present his cause with a strength and force that are always feared by his adversaries and have brought him some notable successes. In addition to his professional duties, Mr. Culp is a representative of business interests, in that he is a stockholder and director of the Butler Manufacturing Company and was one of the promoters of the Fredericktown Oil & Gas Company, of which he is now a director and secretary. He is likewise a director and secretary of the Butler Milk Bottle Company and displays in his business affairs keen discernment as well as untiring energy.

On the 16th of June, 1901, Mr. Culp was married to Miss Myra M. Covert, who was born at South Fork, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1878, and is the daughter of Rev. W. M. and Eleonora (Wheeler) Covert, both of whom are natives of Pennsylvania, now living at Burlington, Kansas, where the

father is pastor of the First Presbyterian church. He has devoted much of his life to the work of the ministry and his influence has never been of a restricted order. In his family were seven children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Culp have been born two children: Frances L., born February 11, 1904; and Katherine E., born February 15, 1906.

The parents are both members of the Evangelical church and are prominent socially, while their own home is attractive by reason of its warm-hearted hospitality. In his political views Mr. Culp is a stalwart democrat and is always able to support his position by intelligent argument. He has served as mayor of Butler for one term, has been justice of the peace for two terms, and at the present writing is township treasurer. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, his membership being in the lodge at Butler, and he is connected with the Knights of the Maccabees at Mansfield. For three terms he has been district deputy in the Odd Fellows organization and is very prominent in its ranks. The life record of Mr. Culp is another proof of the fact that:

“The man who wins is the man who works,  
The man who toils while the next man shirks.”

Throughout his entire life he has utilized his advantages in every possible way and while he has met obstacles and difficulties that would have utterly disheartened and discouraged many another, his resolute purpose has enabled him to triumph over these and to make substantial progress where others would have met failure.

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#### JOHN M. SAWHILL.

John M. Sawhill, who is pleasantly located on a farm of seventy acres on section 16, Springfield township, and is now carefully and successfully conducting general agricultural interests, is numbered among the veterans of the Civil war and as such has a splendid military record, characterized at all times by that fidelity to duty which was the strength of the Union army.

A native of Guernsey county, Ohio, he was born near Gibson station, February 11, 1841, his parents being James and Mary (Todd) Sawhill. The mother was born near West Alexandria, Pennsylvania, on the Virginia line. Her people came from County Derry, Ireland, while James Sawhill was of Scotch-Irish extraction. Both parents of our subject were born in the year 1807, and following their marriage in 1824 they settled in Guernsey county, Ohio, near Gibson station, where they spent their remaining days, the father passing away in 1876 and the mother in 1857. They were laid to rest in the cemetery at Washington, Guernsey county. Their family numbered seven children: William T. died in 1862. S. H. served for three months in the One Hundred and Sixty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and in the battle had a musket in his hand torn to pieces but he remained uninjured. He died, however, in 1876. Alexander passed away in 1882. John M. is the next of

the family. Sarah is the wife of Jerry J. Rhodes, living near New Concord, Muskingum county, Ohio. Susan is the wife of John A. McGee, a carpenter and designer of Zanesville, Ohio. J. T., the youngest of the family, is a railroad man at Missoula, Montana.

John M. Sawhill pursued his education in the district schools of Guernsey county, Ohio, and in the academy at Washington. While there pursuing his studies the Civil war broke out and, like Major McKinley and other Ohio soldiers, dropped his Latin grammar and shouldered a Springfield rifle, with which he started for the front as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He had enlisted at Cambridge, the regiment there mobilizing, it being composed of members who resided in Guernsey, Muskingum, Coshocton and Morgan counties, Ohio. The regiment was first commanded by Colonel Ball and later by Lieutenant Colonel Granger, who was afterward judge of the circuit court at Zanesville, Ohio. Mr. Sawhill served throughout the entire period of hostilities and it seemed that his regiment was always in the thickest of the fray. He took part in some of the most hotly contested battles of the war, including the engagements at Winchester, Brandy Station, the Wilderness and Spottsylvania, where the battle waged three days and again for six days. He was also in the engagement at Cold Harbor. Something of the intensity of the campaign through which Mr. Sawhill passed may be gained from the fact that out of ninety-eight enlisted men who left Cambridge, Ohio, in 1862, in the bloom of health and the buoyancy of youth, seventeen ill and crippled men came back to their homes as all that remained of the old Company B. While in service Mr. Sawhill was put in charge of the division mails for the division numbering ten thousand men, and served as mail orderly until he was captured in Loudoun Valley, Virginia, being held as a prisoner of war until he was recaptured by Sheridan's cavalry and joined his regiment in the fall of 1863. From that time forward he was on active duty in the line. Only a pitcher of water saved him from going to Libby prison. While he was being held as a prisoner of war he was taken ill and was sent to a hospital. As there was a dearth of attendants Mr. Sawhill was trying to administer to some of the less fortunate ones, when an official came through the hospital taking the names of the prisoners preparatory to sending them to Libby. Mr. Sawhill while giving some water to a sick comrade, in some manner escaped the notice of the officer and was recaptured a few days later. At Winchester, Virginia, he was shot in the hand and will carry a crippled finger to his grave. He was ever found faithful to his duty, whether standing in line of the enemy's bullets or stationed as a picket at camp at night. At the close of the war he was detailed to write the muster out rolls. These rolls were written on a parchment about four feet square, lined and cross lined and filled completely with finely written names, dates and remarks, inscribed on both sides of the paper. These rolls must be written without blot or blur and an erasure was not allowed. If a mistake was made one must start on another sheet of parchment. Mr. Sawhill completed five copies, accomplishing it in the prescribed manner. He retained one copy of the rolls as a memento of the war and at the same time it is splendid evidence of his exceptional clerical ability.

When the war was over Mr. Sawhill returned to Guernsey county and later came to Richland county. He was married September 25, 1867, to Miss Sarah M. McKnight, a resident of Springfield township, and unto them have been born two sons and two daughters. Clarence, who married Elizabeth Woods, is now general manager and treasurer of the King-Richardson Publishing Company, with head offices at Springfield, Massachusetts. Leila G. is the wife of Dr. D. B. Virtue, a general medical and surgical practitioner at Iberia, Morrow county, Ohio. Edith B. is a trained nurse, who was graduated from the Illinois Training School in Chicago. Roy B. died in 1887, at the age of twelve years and seven months. The wife and mother passed away in 1887 and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Ontario, her death being deeply regretted by many friends as well as her immediate family. Six years later Mr. Sawhill wedded Mary Jeannette Symons, of Savannah, Ohio.

The family home is a farm of seventy acres on section 16, Springfield township, which Mr. Sawhill owns and operates, and upon it he has resided for a half century. He has cultivated and improved the land, built a commodious residence and has one of the most convenient barns of the township. In looking over the well kept grounds and fields one can see at a glance that Mr. Sawhill is a man who takes pride in keeping his farm in excellent condition and it indicates his careful supervision and practical methods.

He is a stalwart advocate of the republican party and for three years served as treasurer of the township. He was also township trustee for six years and is now filling the office of justice of the peace, having been the incumbent therein for a long period. Both he and his wife are devoted members of the United Presbyterian church, manifesting a deep interest in its work. For thirty years Mr. Sawhill has been an elder of the church and has been superintendent of the Sunday school for twenty years, while his wife is a teacher of the Bible class. In fact they are both much interested in the various church activities and do all in their power to promote the cause of Christianity. The life record of Mr. Sawhill in its business relations, military service and official connection and the church relations is one which commands the honor and respect of all with whom he is associated.

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#### JOHN W. CULLEN.

John W. Cullen is pleasantly located just outside the corporation limits of Shelby on West Main street, where he has four acres of land surrounding a comfortable and attractive home, which he erected in 1892. For forty years he had resided upon the farm in Sharon township, where his birth occurred August 10, 1848, and he is still the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 2, from which he annually derives a good rental. His parents were Jarvis and Mary (Jackson) Cullen, both of whom were natives of Lincolnshire, England.

The father was born July 14, 1803, and they were married in Richland county, Ohio, May 18, 1845. He had left England for America April 21,



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1844, in company with his brother William. After reaching the United States he remained for one year in New York, where he was employed at farm labor, and then removed to Huron county, Ohio, whence he afterward came to Richland county and purchased the farm now owned by our subject. He first invested in one hundred acres and later bought eighteen acres, while thirty-two acres have been added by John W. Cullen. This land the father cleared and placed under cultivation and remained upon the farm until his death, which occurred November 6, 1884. His wife came to the United States as a young lady with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson, the family home being established near Mansfield. The maternal grandparents were William and Charlotte Jackson, who spent their last days in this country. Their family numbered the following named: Charlotte, born March 30, 1799; William, August 7, 1805; Thomas, September 11, 1807; Mary Ann, July 6, 1810; George, December 22, 1812; John, September 3, 1815; Maria, May 20, 1818, and Charles, October 11, 1822. Of this family only John is living and he now resides at Muncie, Indiana. All came to the United States with the exception of Thomas and Maria, who died in England. The daughter Mary became the wife of Jarvis Cullen and to them were born two children, but the daughter died in infancy, leaving John W. Cullen the only child. The father was a devoted member of the Baptist church and led a quiet home life.

Under the parental roof John W. Cullen was reared, while the public schools and Oberlin College afforded him his educational privileges. He was early trained to the work of the fields and was thus well qualified for carrying on farming when he started out in life on his own account. For forty years he lived on the farm and through the period of his manhood worked diligently and persistently to make the place productive. That he succeeded is indicated in the excellent appearance of the farm and also in the fact that he is now practically living retired. In June, 1892, he built his present home just outside the corporation limits of Shelby, where it stands in the midst of well kept grounds covering four acres. In addition to the home farm, which he owns, he has eighty acres in Plymouth township and forty acres of timber land in Vernon township, Crawford county. He has been a stockholder in the Citizens Bank of Shelby since its organization, is a stockholder in the building and loan association and is interested in the Shelby Land & Improvement Company. He displays keen sagacity in business affairs and his investments have been carefully made.

In October, 1872, Mr. Cullen was married to Miss Sarah I. Myers, who was born January 1, 1849, and is a daughter of John and Mary (Hockin-smith) Myers, who were natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in 1808 and the latter in 1811. They went to Stark county, Ohio, with their respective parents and were married there, after which they removed to Richland county, settling on a farm three miles west of Shelby, where their remaining days were passed. Mr. Myers died at the age of eighty-seven years, while his wife died at the age of eighty-one. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cullen have been born three children: Corrine, who died at the age of nine months; Trenna, the wife of Reuben Sutter, of Shelby; and Ethel, at home.

In his political views Mr. Cullen has always been a stalwart republican and keeps well informed on the questions of the day. He has served as township trustee for one term, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He belongs to the Lutheran church, to the support of which he contributes generously. He stands today as one of the prominent citizens of Richland county, a man widely recognized for his excellent business ability, for his loyalty in citizenship and his progressiveness in every relation of life. He has many staunch friends and well deserves mention in this volume.

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#### HENRY F. FACKLER.

Henry F. Fackler is one of the most prosperous wheat raisers of Richland county, but while his farming interests are now of large proportion there was a time in his life when his assets were much more limited, and the success which he is now enjoying is attributable entirely to his diligence and careful management, combined with keen business discernment. He was born on a farm in Franklin township, this county, March 12, 1848, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Bear) Fackler, who were natives of Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married. Abraham Fackler, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, in 1777, and his father was Wentle Fackler, whose birth occurred in Germany in 1746. Spending the first seventeen years of his life in the fatherland, he afterward came to America, and was sold or apprenticed on the streets of Philadelphia for three years in order to pay his passage. When the time had half expired, however, he was released by his master and employed at regular rates of labor. Two years later he returned to his native country for his mother and two brothers, his father in the meantime having been killed in battle. After he had again come to America, Wentle Fackler joined the colonists in their struggle for independence, serving under Washington during the memorable winter at Valley Forge, and meeting the troops of Burgoyne in the north and Cornwallis in the south. When the republic was established he purchased a tract of land from the government, and cut the timber from which he built a house. He married Anna Rank and they became parents of ten children. Wentle Fackler, who was a devout member of the Presbyterian church, lived to enjoy the fruits of liberty for many years and passed away in 1823.

Abraham Fackler, who was the eldest of his father's ten children, was reared upon the home farm, and early learned the weaver's trade. Prompted by the same patriotic spirit which his father had displayed, he fought in the battles of Buffalo, New York; Baltimore, Maryland; and others. On the 30th of March, 1801, he was united in marriage to Barbara Hough, a daughter of Henry Hough, who was an officer of the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Abraham Fackler was born in 1781, was of German parentage, and by her marriage became the mother of fourteen children. In 1840 the family removed to

Richland county, Ohio, where the grandfather of our subject died January 12, 1866, while his wife passed away May 10, 1844. In early life he was a member of the Presbyterian church, but afterward joined the German Baptist church, to which his wife belonged.

About 1843 Joseph Fackler established his home in Richland county, settling in Franklin township, where he passed away in 1849. On his arrival he brought with him his wife and one son, and three other children were born in this county, the members of the family being: Martin, of Shelby, Ohio; David, of Franklin township; Maria, who died at the age of fifteen years; and Henry F., of this review. After the father's death the mother became the wife of Samuel Worst and removed with him to Ashland county, Ohio, where her death occurred.

In taking up the personal history of Henry F. Fackler we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known. He worked on the home farm through the period of his boyhood and youth and in the winter seasons when his services were not demanded in the fields he attended the district schools. He spent one year after attaining his majority upon the old homestead and then, beginning farming on his own account, cultivated a tract of land of one hundred and seven acres in Jackson township for four years. In 1877 he purchased a portion of his present farm, to which he has added from time to time. In 1879 he bought ninety-six acres in Cass township; on the 4th of April, 1893, bought one hundred and forty-seven acres of Henry Sackman; April 19, 1895, bought ninety-five acres of David Bushey; April 4, 1899, purchased the Woods farm of one hundred and sixty acres; on the 5th of April, 1904, acquired the Hershiser farm of one hundred and eighty-seven acres; bought the Moore farm of one hundred and fifty-three and one-half acres April 1, 1905; and made his last purchase in 1908, when he bought of William Wolford seventeen and one-half acres. Thus by additional purchases, from time to time, he has become the owner of nine hundred and sixty-four acres, situated in Franklin, Jackson and Cass townships, and in all his dealings there has never been a mortgage recorded against him. His home farm is one of the best improved properties in the locality. In the midst of well tilled fields stands an attractive residence, and near by are large barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He raises various crops, but gives most attention to the production of wheat, and his crop in 1906 amounted to fifty-six hundred bushels. With the exception of one year devoted to carpentering in early manhood, he has given his entire life to agricultural pursuits, and stands today one of the most prosperous farmers of this part of the state. His business methods have never been such as require disguise, but on the contrary have been in keeping with the most honorable and straightforward dealing, his prosperity coming to him as the reward of earnest, persistent labor.

In 1870 Mr. Fackler was married to Miss Elizabeth Lacer, who was born in Cass township, a daughter of John and Mary (Blocker) Lacer, both of whom passed away in Richland county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fackler were born fourteen children: Boyd, a resident of Shiloh; Mollie, the wife of Willard Bly, of Williams county, Ohio; Frank and Samuel, both of Cass township; Hermie,

the wife of John Riland, of Cass township; Zella, the wife of Randson Noss, of Cass township; Oscar, who is living in Franklin township; Porter, Bertha, Alfred, Morris, Henry and Osra, all of whom are at home; and Richard, who died at the age of sixteen months. The death of Mrs. Fackler occurred July 16, 1906, when she was fifty-four years of age. Mr. Fackler has been very generous with his children, aiding all of them in gaining a start in life as they had left the parental roof and gone out to establish homes of their own. The older sons are all prosperous and leading farmers of Richland county.

Mr. Fackler votes with the democratic party, but has no ambition for office as his time is fully occupied with his extensive and growing business interests. In early manhood he had very little capital, but he possessed courage and resolution, and these often constitute the key which unlocks the portals of success. His holdings are now extensive and his business interests very valuable, while his life record is considered one of the assets in the history of Richland county.

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#### LUDWICK FRANK.

Ludwick Frank is one of the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to Richland county, he having emigrated to the new world almost four decades ago, at which time he made his way to this state, where he has since made his home. Mr. Frank was born in Shilingberg, Germany, May 7, 1837, and was there reared and educated, receiving such advantages as were afforded by the common schools. Upon hearing favorable reports concerning the opportunities to be enjoyed in the new world, he determined to try his fortune in America, and accordingly, in 1871, crossed the Atlantic to New York, whence he made his way at once to Richland county, locating near Mansfield. During the first year of his residence here he was employed at farm labor, and at the end of that time he made purchase of a tract of land comprising eighty-one and a third acres, situated on sections 7 and 18, Monroe township. Here he is engaged in raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, and in addition to this he also raises and feeds stock, making a specialty of the latter branch of business, in which he is meeting with good success.

Mr. Frank chose as a companion for the journey of life Miss Siegler, and to this union have been born ten children, three sons and seven daughters, as follows: Louis, who is assisting his father in the operation of the home farm; Alvina, the wife of Fred Snitzner, a resident of Mansfield; Bertha, the wife of Julius Henry; Freda, the wife of William Peterson, who makes his home in Ashland county, Ohio; Caroline, the wife of Allen Thompson, of Monroe township; Herman C., who is in Cleveland, this state; Clara P., the widow of Ira Balliet; and Louise, William and Mary, all of whom have passed away.

Mr. Frank's study of the political questions and issues has led him to give stalwart support to the democratic party, while both he and his wife

are communicants of the Catholic church. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized, for here he has found the opportunities he sought, and making the most of these has steadily worked his way upward to success. He possesses the resolution and perseverance so characteristic of his nation, and his name is now enrolled among the best citizens of Richland county.

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#### JAMES A. HEDGES.

James A. Hedges devotes his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits on section 7, Springfield township, where he is also engaged in the raising of Berkshire hogs. His entire life work has been characterized by systematic and methodical management and his capable control of his affairs is noticed in the fine appearance of his place. He was born February 18, 1862, in Mansfield, Ohio.

His father, James A. Hedges, Sr., is also a native of Richland county, where the grandfather, Elza Hedges, located at an early day. He came to this state from Pennsylvania, but was born in England and later generations of the family were all agriculturists there. James A. Hedges engaged in merchandising in Mansfield, being one of the pioneer business men of the city, and the spirit of enterprise and energy actuated him in all his undertakings, bringing him a fair measure of success. His business career, however, was interrupted when he went to the front as a sutler with the Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Two years were thus passed and while he was thus engaged he was captured and his stores were confiscated by the Confederates. He was held at Harper's Ferry for three months as a prisoner of war, and after his exchange was effected he resolved that he would strike a blow at the Confederacy and in defense of the Union, and enlisted in the Second Ohio Heavy Artillery, with which he served until the close of the conflict.

When the war was over James A. Hedges, Sr., returned to Mansfield and took his place with the prominent business men of the city as one of the organizers and promoters of the wholesale grocery house of Raney, Hedges & Walters. The new enterprise proved a very profitable venture, and as the years passed he gained a very gratifying measure of success. His political allegiance was given to the republican party. All who knew him esteemed him for what he accomplished in the business world and for the honorable methods which he followed. He died at the age of forty-four years, and is still survived by his widow, who bore the maiden name of Henrietta Good and was born in Miami county, Ohio. She is now living with a daughter in Cleveland, Ohio, and of her family of thirteen children five yet survive, namely: Addie T., the wife of Frank Brady; James A.; Henry C., who is collector for a large installment house at Indianapolis, Indiana; Fanny N., the wife of James Byers, of Denver, Colorado; and Joseph S., of Cleveland, Ohio.

James A. Hedges of this review was educated in the schools of Mansfield, completing the work of the junior year in the high school, after which he attended the Spencerian College at Cleveland, Ohio. He was thus well qualified for the practical and responsible duties of a business career, and started in life as a clerk for George C. Wise, a grocer of Mansfield. Ambitious, however, to engage in business on his own account, he later entered into a partnership with Robert McFarland, in the grocery business. He was not satisfied in this line, however, and after two years he sold his interest to his partner, for whom he worked on a salary for a number of years. On severing his connection with Mr. McFarland he established a grocery business on the east side of the square at Mansfield in association with Elza Houston. About a year later Mr. Hedges purchased his partner's interest, but subsequently sold the business and went to northern Wisconsin, where he engaged in general merchandising. He afterward turned his attention to the lumber business, carrying on both lines and meeting with good success during his nine years' residence in the Badger state. Returning to Mansfield he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 27, Springfield township, and still owns the property, which he has converted into a fine farm, bringing the fields under a high state of cultivation and annually gathering rich crops. He also raises Berkshire hogs. His success is largely attributable to the fact that his business has been carefully systematized. Upon his desk are to be seen journals and ledgers, etc., that all indicate the careful account which he keeps of all business transactions, so that he can determine wherein lies his profit and continue his efforts along that line. He is thoroughly reliable in all his dealings, his commercial integrity standing as an unquestioned fact in his career.

In 1883 Mr. Hedges was married to Miss Rose Lemon, a resident of Richland county, and unto them have been born two children, Glen L. and James Harold, both at home. Mr. Hedges has always been an ardent republican, but has never sought the honors nor emoluments of public office. He became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Wisconsin, and both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, shaping their lives by its teachings and using its principles as their rule of conduct.

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#### FRANK B. BLACK.

Frank B. Black, who has been prominently identified with Mansfield's business interests, is a native of this city, born June 10, 1865. His father, Moses Black, was born in Remelton, in the north of Ireland, and came to America in 1855, settling at Zanesville, Ohio, whence he removed to Mansfield in 1859. He became a prominent factor in commercial circles of the latter city, conducting a dry-goods establishment until 1892, when he retired from active business. He married Elizabeth Blymyer, a native of Schellsburg, Pennsylvania and a daughter of Benjamin Blymyer, who came to Mansfield in 1844.

Frank B. Black acquired his education in the public schools of Mansfield and was graduated from the high school in 1885. He then pursued a commercial course in Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York, and upon finishing there he entered the employ of the Barnett Brass Company, of Mansfield, as bookkeeper, where he remained for two years. In 1888 he organized the Ohio Brass Company with a paid in capital of five thousand dollars. This company, of which he is president, has grown to be one of the principal industries of Mansfield, with a paid up capital and surplus of over one million dollars, employing between five and six hundred workmen and doing a business of nearly two million dollars annually.

Mr. Black, aside from the presidency of the Ohio Brass Company, is vice president of the Baxter Stove Company and a director of the Citizens National Bank, the Seneca Chain Company and the Humphries Manufacturing Company.

On the 5th of October, 1892, Mr. Black was united in marriage to Miss Jessie M. Baxter, and they have four children: John, Robert, Donald and Roger.

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#### ISAAC McCOLLOUGH.

Isaac McCollough, now deceased, was numbered among the honored veterans of the Civil war, and at his death, which occurred August 7, 1908, was living in honorable retirement in Butler, making his home with his sons. He received the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one of advanced years, whose life had been worthily passed. He was born in Holmes county, Ohio, December 4, 1828, and was the son of Joseph and Margaret (Matheson) McCollough. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1801, and the mother's birth occurred in 1803. They were married in Holmes county, Ohio, and cast in their lot among the early settlers of Richland county, where they remained for a time, and then removed to Indiana, where their last days were passed. Both died in that state when seventy-eight years of age. Their family numbered seven children, but only two are now living: Mrs. Elizabeth Jolly, who is located in Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Mrs. Jane Finley, of Huntington, Indiana.

In retrospect one can see Isaac McCollough as a young boy in the early half of the nineteenth century, working the fields with the primitive farm machinery then in vogue, or conning his lessons in the little district schoolhouse, where few branches were taught, beyond reading, writing and arithmetic. However, he kept in touch with the progressive thought of the world, and made substantial progress in business lines. He continued to engage in farming until 1862, when he put aside all business and personal considerations and joined the Union army, becoming a member of Company B, Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for exactly three years. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg, the battles of Hickory Post and Arkansas River, and in many other engagements and skirmishes, but

although he was frequently in hazardous positions the only injury which he sustained was to have two ribs broken. He was always faithful to his duty, whether it called him to the lonely picket line or stationed him on the firing line.

After the war Mr. McCollough removed to Richland county and purchased forty acres of land in Worthington township. This he cultivated and improved, and in connection with agricultural pursuits he worked at the carpenter's trade, which he learned when a boy and which he had followed prior to the war. Some years ago he sold his land and removed to Butler, where he spent his remaining days, making his home with his sons.

Mr. McCollough was married in 1850 to Miss Eleanor Roberts, who was born in Holmes county, Ohio. They traveled life's journey together for many years and were then separated by the death of the wife, who passed away in 1907, at the age of seventy-seven years. Their family numbered seven children: Joseph, Isaac and Logan, who are residents of Butler; Allurash, Emeline and Mary, all now deceased; and Louisa J., the wife of Daniel Bemiller, whose home is in Worthington township. Mrs. McCollough was a member of the Disciples church, and was an earnest, consistent Christian woman, whose death was deeply deplored by all who knew her.

Mr. McCollough voted with the democracy after age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and although he never sought nor desired office, he was always loyal to the best interests of the community, and did everything in his power to further public progress. Although he reached the eightieth milestone on life's journey, in spirit and interests he seemed in his prime. He was well known in the county where he had so long resided and here received the respect of rich and poor, old and young.

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#### JOHN C. HULL.

John C. Hull, owning and operating a well improved farm of two hundred and twenty acres on section 2, Washington township, was born on this farm on the 25th of October, 1844, his parents being John and Rachel (Snyder) Hull, the former born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1814, and the latter in Richland county, Ohio. In his boyhood the father accompanied his parents on their removal westward, locating on the farm which is now the home of our subject. The land had to be cleared of the timber and the grandfather erected a log cabin, eighteen by eighteen feet, which remained the family home for many years and in which John Hull reared his family of ten children. He was successful in his undertakings and at the time of his death was an extensive landowner. He passed away in 1891, when eighty-seven years of age, while the death of his wife occurred in 1894, when she had attained the age of eighty-three years. They were both members of the Church of Christ, and were worthy and respected residents of the community. Of their family of ten children, five still survive, namely: Mrs. Isabelle Baker, of Washington township; Mrs. Catherine Heselden, who makes her home in

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Madison township; Mrs. Elizabeth Muscroft, of Mansfield, Ohio; John C., of this review; and Daniel, residing in Madison township.

John C. Hull was reared on the place of his nativity but acquired only a limited education, for his assistance was needed in the work of the home farm. On the 1st of May, 1864, he enlisted as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Sixty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of the war, when he returned home and operated a part of his father's farm on shares. The first year he farmed, he paid a man six dollars to plow a piece of ground and seed it in wheat and also paid another man to cut it, and only harvested a crop of eighteen bushels. In 1871 he purchased eighty acres on section 2, Washington township, which he improved, erecting thereon good buildings and cultivating the land until the time of his father's death. He then purchased the old homestead and now owns two hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land, which he has brought under a high state of development. He has likewise erected a good barn and a commodious and attractive residence, equipped with every modern comfort and convenience. He bought the first machine with which to cut grain that was ever used in this part of the county. It was a combination of reaper and mower and cost two hundred dollars. He was censured by his father for what the latter regarded as foolish extravagance, as the time and labor-saving qualities of modern farm machinery had not yet been demonstrated here. John C. Hull, however, paid for this implement in two years with the money which he received for cutting his neighbors' grain. He has ever kept abreast with the progress made along agricultural lines and is well known and highly esteemed as one of the representative and successful farmers of the community.

On the 24th of January, 1867, Mr. Hull was united in marriage to Miss Sarah F. Leppo, whose birth occurred in Washington township, February 5, 1845. Her parents were David and Eliza Jane (Pollock) Leppo, the former born in Washington county, Maryland, November 27, 1813, and the latter in Harrison county, Ohio, December 6, 1818. In his boyhood days David Leppo accompanied his parents on their removal to Richland county, Ohio, the family home being established in Washington township, where he grew to manhood and spent the remainder of his life. His marriage was celebrated March 7, 1843, and he was called to his final rest on the 30th of November, 1860. His wife survived him until June 10, 1891, when she, too, passed away. Of the ten children born unto them, six are still living, namely: Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Margaret E. Schlosser, of Washington township; Mrs. Lydia J. Pierce, residing in Monroe township; Franklin P., who makes his home in Indiana; James B., of Mansfield, Ohio; and David M., also living in Mansfield. Both Mr. and Mrs. Leppo were devoted and faithful members of the Church of Christ.

Unto Mr. Hull and his wife have been born seven children. Ferry F., who is the wife of Robert Grant Byerly, resides in Madison township and has two children, Ethel A. and Helen E. Eva A., the widow of Lawrence M. Hendricks, makes her home in Washington township. John D., who married Miss Etta M. Addis, is a minister of the Church of Christ, residing in Indiana. Owen Leroy is a resident of Washington township. Ervenna is the wife of

Arthur Leiter, of Lucas, Ohio. Asa M. is an evangelistic singer. Ora L. is a minister of the Church of Christ at Garrett, Indiana.

In his political views Mr. Hull is a stalwart republican, and has served as school director and also on the school board of trustees, the cause of education ever finding in him a strong champion. He is an elder in the Church of Christ, with which his wife is also identified. Having resided in this county throughout his entire life or for almost two-thirds of a century, he is largely familiar with its history from a pioneer period down to the present time, and that his career has ever been an upright and honorable one is indicated by the fact that those who have known him from boyhood and youth are still numbered among his stanchest friends.

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#### JOHN TAYLOR.

John Taylor is the owner of an excellent farming property in Springfield township. He has been residing upon his present farm for forty years, or since 1868, and his life of activity and enterprise has brought him a gratifying measure of success. He has now passed the seventy-third milestone on life's journey, his birth having occurred in Lincolnshire, England, January 14, 1835. His father, Robert Taylor, a farmer by occupation, came to the United States in 1855 and settled at Little Washington in Richland county, Ohio. He died in Crawford county, Ohio, almost thirty years later, passing away in 1884. In England he married Miss Mary Carrott, a native of that country, and unto them were born the following children: Joseph, Robert William and Phoebe, all of whom have passed away; John, of this review; George, a farmer residing at Little Washington, Ohio; Charles, who carries on agricultural pursuits at Plymouth, this state; Caroline, deceased; and Mary, a resident of Plymouth.

John Taylor, whose name introduces this review, learned the shoemaker's trade in early life, but when quite young he took up the occupation of farming, and since 1864, has been continuously identified with agricultural pursuits in Richland county. As stated, he removed to his present farm in 1868, and for forty years has superintended its further development and improvement, doing much of the farm work himself in earlier years. He now owns eighty acres where he resides and also has one hundred and eight acres adjoining, which property is now operated by his son.

Mr. Taylor was married in 1864 to Miss C. M. Scrofield, a resident of this county, and they have five children: M. R., who operates his father's land; Otis, a machinist, of Mansfield; Effie, the wife of Seth E. Cotter, a farmer of Jackson township; Ida, the wife of W. A. Culer, who follows farming near Lucas, this county; and Mabel Ellen, at home.

Mr. Taylor gives his political support to the prohibition party, and is a stalwart advocate of its principles, for he believes firmly in the temperance question, and does all in his power to promote its adoption. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Christian church, and their lives are

actuated by high and honorable principles. In the evening of his days Mr. Taylor can look back over the past without regret, and forward to the future without fear. There is much in his life record that is worthy of emulation and, taken in its entirety, his history is one which commands respect and admiration. He has lived to witness many changes during the years of his residence here as the county has developed in harmony with ideas of modern progress and improvement. He has borne his full share in the work of agricultural development, and has long been known as a most respected and trustworthy farmer of his township.

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#### WALTER S. WALKER.

The thriving little town of Lexington has a worthy representative of its business interests in Walter S. Walker, a hardware merchant who is alert, energetic and progressive. He was born April 15, 1862, in Troy township, this county, and is well known among its citizens. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Walker, were both natives of Pennsylvania and in that state were reared and married. They began their domestic life there, but in 1857 removed westward to Richland county, Ohio, settling in Troy township, where the father purchased one hundred and forty-six acres of land. With characteristic energy he began the development and improvement of the farm and lived thereon until 1890, carefully conducting the work of the fields year after year and meeting with success in his undertakings. At length he removed to Lexington and entered the hardware business, which he conducted until 1896. He then sold out, and his remaining days were spent in honorable retirement from labor. The journey westward from Pennsylvania was made in a wagon, after the primitive manner of travel at that day. His resources were limited when he arrived here, but he possessed a firm resolve to win success if it could be gained through honorable and persistent effort, and in course of time fortune crowned his labors, making him one of the men of affluence of the community. He was greatly interested in political questions, and although not an aspirant for public office, save that he once was candidate on the republican ticket for the position of representative in the state legislature, he never failed to keep well informed on the questions and issues of the day and was thus always able to support his position by intelligent argument. His life, too, was characterized by an earnest, religious the Lexington Academy, and through the period of his boyhood, youth and faith that made him a devoted member of his church—the Presbyterian. He died in Troy township in 1898, at the age of sixty-six years, and is still survived by his widow, who is now living in Lexington at the age of seventy-five years. She, too, is a member of the Presbyterian church and is an earnest Christian woman, whose many good qualities of heart and mind have won her the love and esteem of those with whom she has been brought in contact.

Walter S. Walker is one in a family of eight children, seven of whom survive: Narcissa, the wife of J. G. Davis, of Bellefontaine, Ohio; Lizzie, the wife of R. B. Boone, of Lexington; J. C., a resident of South Dakota; J. S., also of

South Dakota; W. S., of this review; Hattie S., deceased; Florence C., the wife of William Logan, of Lexington; and Mary, the wife of Martin Kyner, of Lexington.

Walter S. Walker was reared on the home farm, early becoming familiar with the duties incident to the cultivation of the fields and garden. He received a common-school education, supplemented by one year's study in early manhood he worked for his father and came with his parents to Lexington. Here he purchased his father's hardware business, and conducted it until 1903, when he sold that store and removed across the street, purchasing two large store buildings, one of which is a story in height and the other two stories. Here he put in a fine stock of hardware, stoves and tinware, and also does tin and slate work. The store is a credit to the town, for he carries a large and carefully selected stock, which is tastefully arranged, and the business methods which he follows are such as commend him to the confidence and support of the general public. He is widely known here as an enterprising merchant and is considered a valuable addition to the commercial circles of the town.

His political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party, but he has never sought nor desired office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business, in which he is now meeting with signal success. His social qualities render him popular with his many friends, and he has a very wide acquaintance in the county, which has been his place of residence since his birth.

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#### DAVID ARNOLD.

David Arnold, who in conjunction with his mother, owns and operates two hundred acres of land in Franklin township, was born in Blooming Grove township, April 22, 1860, the son of John and Catherine (Bricker)

Arnold. His father died in 1861, at the early age of twenty-six years, and he, an only child, was reared by his mother. Mrs. Arnold is the daughter of Levi and Catherine (Warner) Bricker, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. Her father was one of the early settlers of the county, and at the time of his death, in 1882, was a large landowner.

David Arnold, when fourteen years of age, removed to the present farm in company with his mother, and they have resided here continuously since. The house in which they live was built by his maternal grandfather in 1848 and is still in a good state of preservation. Mr. Arnold is indebted to the district schools of the county for his education. He early developed a spirit of independence and self-reliance, partly as a result of his ancestry, and largely from the fact that he was thrown upon his own resources in making decisions regarding the conduct of the farming interests to which he succeeded. If he made mistakes he profited by them in the experience he gained, and as a result he has developed into a man of sound judgment and good business

ability, and one whose counsel is regarded as well worth heeding, as he is considered an authority in matters pertaining to the agricultural interests of the county. He engages in mixed farming, and considers that scientific farming and stock-raising is worthy of a man's best intellectual efforts.

In 1887 Mr. Arnold was united in marriage to Miss Arah Whitmire, who was born in Franklin township. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Arnold has voted the democratic ticket. For the past sixteen years he has served as justice of the peace, and for the past five years has been a member of the board of education.

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#### MRS. MARY M. SWITZER.

Mrs. Mary M. Switzer, residing in Lucas, has lived to see six generations since she started on the journey of life, including her grandfather, father, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Now, at the age of seventy-one years, she is extraordinarily active in body and mind and few recognize the fact that she has passed beyond the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten. She is especially entitled to representation in this volume from the fact that she is one of Richland county's native daughters, and few there are who have so long resided within the borders of the county, or have witnessed its growth and progress for so extended a period.

Her birth occurred in Monroe township on the 11th of January, 1837, her parents being Daniel and Ada (Schmeer) Cromer. Her father, Daniel Cromer, was a son of Philip and Elizabeth Cromer, who were natives of Maryland and settled in Richland county when but a few white settlers had penetrated into this then western wilderness. Charles Schmeer, her maternal grandfather, was a soldier of the war of 1812. He was born in 1776, while the Revolutionary war was in progress, and when the country again became engaged in hostilities with the mother country he represented the interests of the republic. His wife was also born in 1776, and both died in Richland county. Daniel Cromer, father of Mrs. Switzer, took an active and helpful part in the early development of this portion of the state, and for a long period was connected with its agricultural interests. Unto him and his wife were born five children: Serena, now deceased; John, who died in 1860; Solomon and Henry, both of whom died in the Civil war; and Mrs. Mary M. Switzer.

The last named spent her girlhood days under the parental roof and acquired her education in the common schools and was trained to the work of the household, as she assisted her mother in the care and labors of the home. On the 19th of April, 1857, she gave her hand in marriage to Josiah Switzer, who was born in Mifflin township, this county, July 25, 1824, and was also a representative of one of the oldest families here. His parents were Frederick and Elizabeth (Steele) Switzer. He followed the occupation of farming, was a man of good business ability and carefully conducted the work of the fields, at all times keeping in touch with the spirit of progressive agriculture, which in the nineteenth century entirely revolutionized the methods of farming that

had been practiced with little change for many centuries. He was also interested and active in community affairs and served on the school board for twenty years, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. He advocated the improvement of the schools and lived to see the structures, which were little more than shanties, replaced by the roomy and well equipped brick schoolhouses which stand today. They are a monument to his public spirit and his stalwart devotion to the general good. In politics he was a life-long democrat, and such was his influence in the community, because of the unshaken faith which his fellow townsmen had in him, that it was said whatever Josiah Switzer advocated was done and whichever way he voted the township went.

Prospering in his undertakings, Mr. Switzer provided a magnificent brick residence for his family, erecting this on the home farm, which since his death has been owned and occupied by his widow. They were the parents of the following children: Serena, now the wife of Jacob Charles, who cultivates the old homestead; Elnora, the wife of Victor Gladden, a resident farmer of Monroe township; Ida, deceased; Florella, the wife of William Gallagher, a merchant of Mansfield; Daniel, who is engaged in merchandising in Lucas; Sylvia, the wife of Marion Darling, a farmer of Monroe township; Charles, a stonemason living in Kansas; Howard, deceased; Olive, the wife of Charles Hardman, who is foreman at the Barnes Pump Works in Mansfield, Ohio; Curtis, who is living in Mansfield, where he follows merchandising; and Viola, deceased.

Since her husband's death, Mrs. Switzer has displayed excellent business ability in managing her land and conducting her property interests, and her possessions are sufficient to keep her in comfort throughout the remainder of her days. She was always a faithful companion and helpmate to her husband and thus assisted him largely in his business affairs, his success being attributable in no small degree to her wise counsel and encouragement. Mr. Switzer enjoyed the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens to the fullest extent, and Mrs. Switzer is held in equally high regard here.

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#### DAVID CULVER.

David Culver, deceased, was born October 29, 1824, in a log cabin, on section 3, Washington township, just across the road from where his daughter Selena now resides. His father, Solomon Culver, who was born in April, 1790, came to Richland county, Ohio, from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, among the early pioneers and entered a tract of one hundred and twenty acres of land from the government, building thereon a log cabin. He died in 1874, after having passed his eighty-fourth year, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Nancy Arnet, died May 29, 1879, in her eighty-third year.

David Culver inherited the land which his father entered from the government, whereon he made his home until called to his final rest on the 26th of February, 1901. Through the careful conduct of his agricultural interests

he met with a gratifying measure of prosperity and at the time of his death he left an estate of one hundred and eighty acres of valuable land, one hundred acres of which was inherited by his daughter Selena, and eighty by his daughter Catherine. A native son of this county, he had been an interested witness of its development and progress and had borne his full share in the work of upbuilding and improvement.

David Culver wedded Miss Eliza Belle Statemiller, who was born in Pennsylvania, January 13, 1825, and who passed away February 9, 1884, in the faith of the Christian church. She had accompanied her parents on their removal to Washington township, Richland county, in 1830, and was, therefore, also an early resident here. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Culver were born two daughters, namely: Catherine, the wife of William Mallon; and Selena, whose birth occurred November 6, 1854, and who makes her home with her sister Catherine.

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#### D. A. TAYLOR.

The farm of D. A. Taylor is attractively located in Franklin township not far from Mansfield. Upon the place stands a comfortable residence surrounded by well tilled fields, and the entire property presents an appearance that indicates careful supervision and practical, progressive methods on the part of the owner. Mr. Taylor was born in Franklin township, May 22, 1859, upon the place which is now his home, his parents being Robert and Mary (Robinson) Taylor. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1807, and came to Richland county at an early day. He was a very successful man in his business affairs. He was long associated with farming interests in this locality, and his well spent life gained for him the respect and confidence of all with whom he was brought in contact. He died in Franklin township in 1890, while his wife passed away in 1884. He had been previously married and his children of the second union are: Elizabeth C., the wife of Simon Small, a contractor and builder in Mansfield; Frank R., who is also living in that city; Marion R., who follows farming near Mansfield; D. A., of this review; and Ida M., the wife of John Hafer, a contractor and builder of Shelby.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for D. A. Taylor in his boyhood and youth. He remained with his parents upon the home farm in Franklin township, where he acquired a public-school education, continuing with his father until eighteen years of age. During that time he gained comprehensive knowledge of the best methods of carrying on the farm work. At the age of twenty-five years he went to Mansfield, where he remained for two years and then returned to the farm. In 1890 he purchased the land which he now owns, comprising ninety acres in Franklin township. He erected his present residence in 1893 and his barn in 1895. The buildings are all substantial and are conveniently arranged for the purposes used.

In 1884 occurred the marriage of D. A. Taylor to a Miss Mary Bush, a resident of Richland county. They had no children of their own, but are rearing a nephew, Glen E. Bush. Mr. Taylor exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran church and they are well known in their part of the county as citizens who deserve and receive the confidence and esteem of those with whom business or social relations have brought them in contact.

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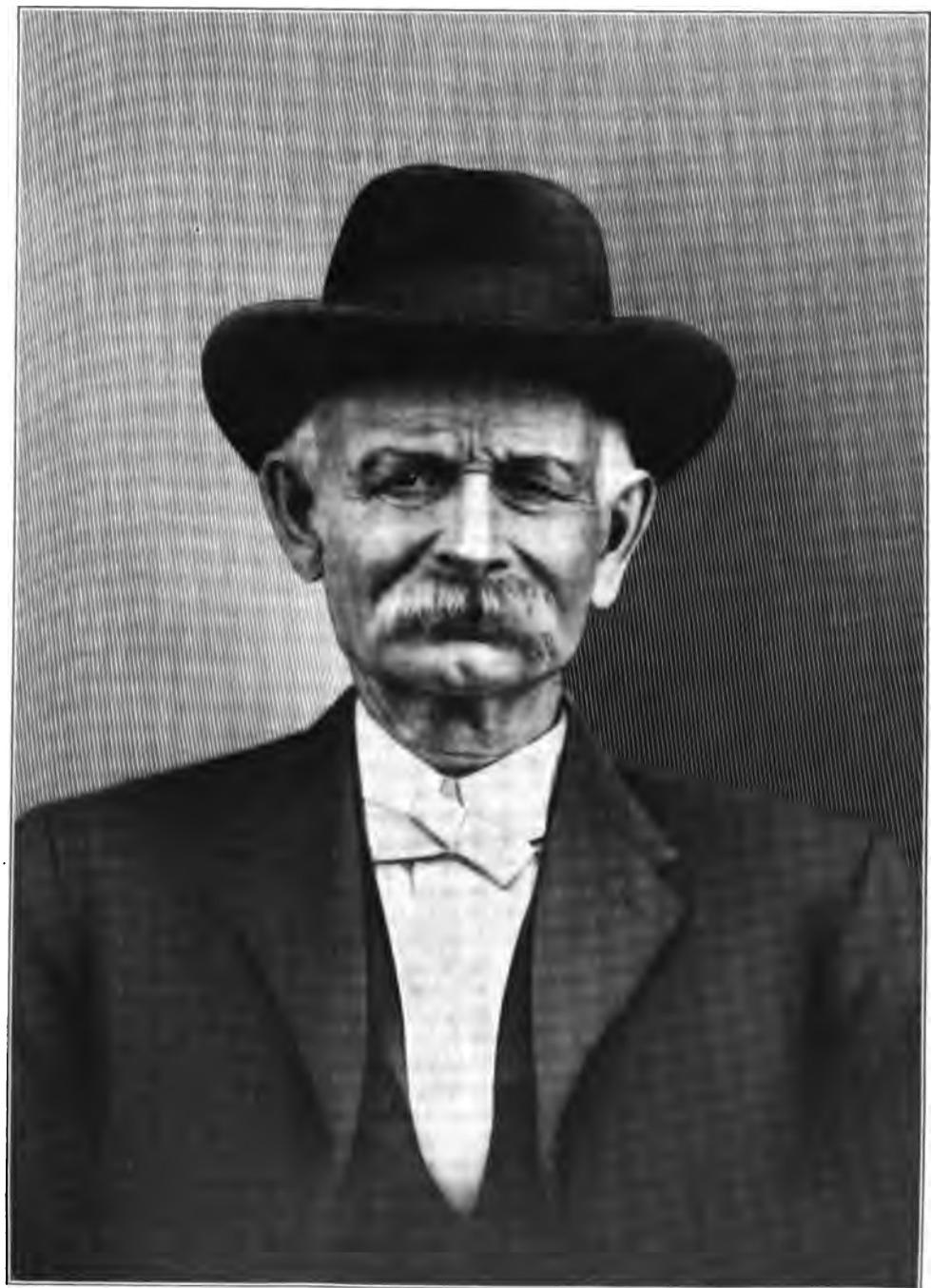
#### JOHN SPAYDE.

John Spayde is one of the few remaining veterans of the Civil war and he is also entitled to credit as a self-made man, for he today owns a valuable tract of land comprising one hundred and eighty-five acres situated in Jefferson township. He was born on a farm a mile and a half south of Bellville, June 26, 1830, a son of William and Catherine (Houston) Spayde. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, but came as a small boy to Richland county and here spent his remaining days, passing away in Jefferson township. His family numbered eight children, of whom three are deceased, the living members being: John, of this review; Daniel, now living retired in Butler, this state; Elizabeth, a resident of Washington township; Emma, of Jefferson township; and Alice, who makes her home in Pennsylvania.

John Spayde, whose name introduces this record, acquired his education in the common schools and in early life learned the cooper's trade under the direction of his father, following that pursuit for twenty years in Richland county. He later engaged in farming, purchasing thirty-five acres of land in Worthington township, where he lived during the three succeeding years, after which he removed to Washington township, where he made his home for a quarter of a century and then removed to Jefferson township, where he has since made his home. At one time he was the owner of more than three hundred acres of land, but this he has divided among his sons until he now retains possession of but one hundred and eighty-five acres, this being well improved and in a good state of cultivation. He is engaged in general farming and also makes a specialty of the raising of stock, shipping to the city markets.

At the time of the Civil war Mr. Spayde put aside all business and personal considerations and enlisted for service as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Sixty-third Regiment of Volunteers, joining the company in July, 1864. He enlisted as a private but was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant and was serving in that capacity at the time of his discharge. He gave to his country faithful service, being ever known as a loyal defender of the stars and stripes.

Mr. Spayde has been twice married, his first union being with Miss Catherine Secrist, who became the mother of six children, of whom two died in infancy. The four sons who survive are: William, a farmer who resides



JOHN SPAYDE.



near the home of our subject; Charles, who is engaged in railroading and makes his home in Bellville; Sanford L., a farmer of Morrow county, Ohio; and Monroe, who follows farming in Washington township. Mr. Spayde's second marriage was with Elizabeth Carter, by whom he has four children: Guy, Alma, Glen and Mertie, all still under the parental roof.

Mr. Spayde is a stalwart advocate of republican principles, while his fraternal relations are with the Grange at Jefferson, and as a memoir of the troublous times of 1861-1865 he affiliates with the Bellville G. A. R. He is a self-made man, who without any special advantages at the commencement of life has battled earnestly and energetically and by indomitable courage and integrity has achieved both character and fortune and is today numbered among the leading citizens of Richland county.

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#### GEORGE HENRY WEIDNER.

On the roster of county officials appears the name of George Henry Weidner, for he is now filling the position of county auditor, and in the discharge of his duties, has won high encomiums by his prompt and faithful service. He was born in Mansfield, Ohio, March 4, 1857.

His father, William Weidner, was a native of Germany and came to America when two years of age, the paternal grandfather locating in Sharon township seventy-four years ago, when seventeen years of age. William Weidner removed to Mansfield and has resided in the city continuously since, covering a period of almost six decades. He is a carpenter by trade, and was long identified with building operations, but is now living retired at the age of seventy-six years. He married Barbara Englehart, who came to Mansfield at the age of seventeen years from her native land of Germany. She also survives, and has reached the age of seventy-three years. They have now travled life's journey together for a long period, sharing with each other the joys and sorrows, the adversity and prosperity which have come to them. Their family numbered four sons and three daughters, and with the exception of one daughter all are yet living, namely: William E., who is engaged in the dry-goods business in Salt Lake City, Utah; Charles, a blacksmith and carriage-maker at Harrison, Michigan; Frank, a barber at Dunnegan, California; Mrs. William Massa, of Mansfield; and Emma, at home.

The other member of the family is Mr. Weidner of this review, who was educated in the public schools of Mansfield, and at the age of fourteen years began to learn the carpenter's trade. He worked at house building and at the Aultman-Taylor works for a quarter of a century, but retired from that line of business in December, 1896, when he was appointed mail carrier after having served as a substitute for three years previous. He continued as a regular carrier for three months, or until May 1, 1897, when he resigned to accept a position as deputy county auditor under Charles W. Fritz. In the fall of 1901 he was elected auditor of Richland county, and entered upon his duties for that position on the third Monday of October, 1902. In this

capacity he is still serving, having been reelected for a second term in November, 1904. During his first term the new system of public accounting was installed under a state enactment establishing a uniform system of public accounts.

Aside from his official duties Mr. Weidner has various interests, being one of the directors of the Security Savings & Trust Company of Mansfield; secretary and treasurer of the Koch & Fish Company, dealers in books, stationery supplies, etc. He is also interested to some extent in city property, and owns his home, at No. 127 Sturgis avenue, which he built about twenty-eight years ago.

On the 9th of December, 1879, Mr. Weidner was married in Mansfield to Miss Effie M. Hunt, a daughter of James Hunt, a brick manufacturer of this city. They have two children; Effie Louise, the wife of E. J. Koerper, foreman of the Phoenix Electrical Works, in the brass department; and Florence L., who is bookkeeper in her father's office.

Mr. Weidner is a member of St. Luke's Lutheran church, and for many years was one of its trustees. His political allegiance is given to the democracy, and he has always taken an active part in city and county politics, doing everything in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of the party. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks and with the Foresters, and his brethren in these organizations find him a worthy representative. He is well known in this city for the sterling qualities which he has displayed in the various relations of life and is, moreover, entitled to representation in this volume as a member of one of the old pioneer families.

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#### I. J. CASSEL.

The agricultural interests of Springfield township are well represented by I. J. Cassel, who owns a well improved property comprising one hundred acres, on which are found substantial buildings, and the farm, in its neat and well kept appearance, indicates the progressive methods of the owner.

Mr. Cassel was born in Sandusky township, Richland county, Ohio, in 1851, a son of John and Sarah Ann (Stow) Cassel, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The Cassel and Stow families were neighbors in the Keystone state, and the friendship of the young couple eventually ripened into love. However, the father of John Cassel decided to remove with his family to the west, and accordingly he made preparations and started on the overland journey, which at that early day was the method of travel. After they had continued their journey several days they overtook the Stow family, who were traveling in like manner to the west, although neither knew of the others intentions upon leaving the Keystone state. The two families then traveled together for several days, when Mr. Cassel's son Joseph was taken ill, and this forced them to discontinue their journey for a time. The Stow family, however, continued on their way until they reached Richland county, and being pleased with this section of the country they made a settlement

in Springfield township, near Ontario. When the condition of Joseph Cassel had improved sufficiently for the family to resume their journey they started once more and when they reached Richland county they learned that the Stow family had made a settlement here. Mr. Cassel, however, at that time was not favorably impressed with this section, but his son John insisted on locating here, although doubtless he was more deeply concerned in his own social relations in settling near the Stow family than he was in regard to the financial interests of his father. The father consented, and the two families were once more neighbors, while in due course of time John Cassel and Sarah Ann Stow were united in marriage and established a home of their own. Their union was blessed with eleven children, as follows: Mary Ann, who became the wife of Hiram Taylor, but is now deceased; George F., who has passed away; Abraham J., who was a railroad man and died at Peru, Ohio; David H., who is engaged in the hardware business in Crestline, Ohio; Sarah E., who is the wife of W. S. Brandt, a farmer of Washington township, Richland county; Samuel A., who is deceased; Catherine, the wife of John Altdaffer, a retired citizen of Crestline; I. J., whose name introduces this review; Frank J. E., who is employed on the railroad as baggagemaster and makes his home in Crestline; one who died in infancy; and W. A., a farmer of Sandusky township. Both the parents of these children have passed away, the father dying in 1899, in the faith of the English Lutheran church, while the mother survived for several years and passed away in 1905. Both lie buried in the Crestline cemetery.

I. J. Cassel, the fifth son and eighth child in his father's family, was reared on the home farm in Sandusky township, while his education was pursued in the district schools. He was early trained to the duties of the home place, assisting his father in the fields from the time of early spring planting until the crops were harvested in late autumn. He remained with his father until he had reached the age of thirty-five years, at which time he purchased his present place, comprising one hundred acres of rich and valuable land, this property being located in Springfield township. He has made many improvements in the way of building a good residence and substantial barn and out-buildings, so that he today has one of the valuable farms of this portion of Richland county. He ever follows progressive ideas of agriculture, so that excellent results follow his labors, and each year he annually gathers good crops.

In 1874 occurred the marriage of Mr. Cassel and Miss Mary Ellen Baker, who is also a native of Sandusky township, and by her marriage she has become the mother of five children, but the two eldest, Maud May and William Edward are deceased. Maud May married C. C. Lohr, and at her death left a little daughter, Glenna, who makes her home with Mr. Cassel. Those of the family still living are: Mary Ellen, the wife of Frank Herdman, who follows railroading and makes his home in Mount Vernon, Ohio; Fred J., who is a stationary engineer and resides with his parents; and Mossie Marie, who is also under the parental roof.

Mr. Cassel, following in the political footsteps of his father, gives his support to the men and measures of the democratic party. For seven years

he filled the office of township trustee, while for fifteen years he acted as a member of the school board. He and his wife are members of the English Lutheran church, while his fraternal relations are with Crestline Lodge, No. 266, K. P. Having spent their entire lives in Richland county, Mr. and Mrs. Cassel have many friends and acquaintances who esteem them highly for their many good traits of character, while in business circles Mr. Cassel is known for his straightforward and honorable methods.

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#### THOMAS FREDERICK BLACK.

Death often removes from our midst those whom we can ill afford to lose, who have so endeared themselves to the people among whom they have lived and labored that they seem to become an essential part of the community. Having exemplified in their lives all the qualities of a good and thereby truly great citizen, they leave a lasting monument more enduring than any built of marble, in the sacredness with which their memory is cherished. Thomas Frederick Black was one whom to know was to esteem and honor, and he not only enjoyed the highest respect of his fellowmen, but that warm personal regard which may be termed friendship or love, but which draws man to man with ties that naught but death can sever.

Mr. Black was born at Shiloh, Richland county, Ohio, June 8, 1863, his parents being James and Elizabeth (Kinsel) Black. The father was a soldier of the Union army in the war of the rebellion, and soon after the close of hostilities passed away. The mother, however, long survived him, and after residing in Ada, Ohio, for some time, departed this life in 1904.

Mr. Black pursued his education in the public schools of Shiloh, continuing his studies from 1877 until 1879, inclusive, under the direction of A. A. Douglass, later a well-known attorney of Mansfield. When but sixteen years of age Mr. Black began teaching in the district school at Beech Grove, near his home, and was thus engaged for several winters, proving his ability to impart clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. Ambitious for further education, he afterward entered the Ohio Northern University at Ada, and on the completion of the scientific course was graduated. His initial step after completing his university course was to engage in the book business at Waco, Texas, where he remained for several years, and then returned north to Richland county, settling in Mansfield in 1888. Here he took up the study of law under the direction of Connolly & Laser, a well-known law firm of the city, and after thorough preliminary reading Mr. Black was admitted to the bar on the 6th of December, 1889. He entered upon the practice of his profession well equipped for its duties, and from the beginning gradually worked his way upward until he occupied a commanding position among the distinguished lawyers of the city. On the 1st of January, 1890, he became a partner of W. H. Bowers, under the firm style of Bowers & Black, which relation was continued up to the time of his death. He was an able advocate and safe counselor. Few lawyers have made

a more lasting impression upon the bar of the state both for legal ability of a high order and for the individuality of a personal character which impresses itself upon a community. Devotedly attached to his profession, he possessed an excellent presence, an earnest manner, marked strength of character, a thorough grasp of the law and the ability to accurately apply its principles. His style was unusually lucid and clear, his briefs always showed wide research, careful thought and the best and strongest reasons that could be urged for his contention presented in cogent and logical form. Aside from his practice Mr. Black was well known in connection with the corporation interests of the city. He was one of the directors of the Mansfield Telephone Company, was a member of the executive committee of the Mansfield Savings Bank and one of the directors of the Barrow Electric Supply Company.

Mr. Black was prominent as a representative of the democracy, which he supported from the time that age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He worked earnestly in the party campaigns, and during the one which preceded his death filled numerous assignments made by the state executive committee. On the 4th of November prior to his demise he addressed a large meeting at Urbana from the same platform with Governor Pattison, and he also spoke to the people on the issues of the day at Gibsonburg, Richwood, Marysville and several other places.

On the 22d of April, 1890, soon after he entered upon the practice of law, Mr. Black was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Shaffer, of Chicago, Illinois, who survives him. They had but two children, William, now a young man, and a son who died in infancy. In his home town Mr. Black figured as a leader of the democracy and was elected by his fellow townsmen to the office of mayor, giving a public-spirited and beneficial administration.

Mr. Black held membership in the First Lutheran church of this city and was devoted to its work and interests. He was also connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. He was gifted with remarkable powers, with a strong intellect, an untiring industry, an indomitable will and an ambition that gathered intensity alike from defeat and success. He was distinguished for his tenacity of purpose, was considerate in his friendships, and, remembering his early life when his possessions were few, he was ever the friend of the poor. In the language of one of the members of the Bar Association, "His good traits of character so far outweighed the bad ones that the latter were insignificant when compared with the former."

Following his demise the Richland County Bar Association held a memorial service, which was one of the most touching and effective ever held in Mansfield. On that occasion many who knew him long and intimately spoke of the days of his boyhood, when he was a bright and apt student, of his extreme kindness toward his mother and sisters, his splendid neighborly qualities and his marked devotion to his family. He was always a most affectionate husband and father and a man of unswerving loyalty to his friends, and was looked upon as one of the brightest and most brilliant members of the Richland county bar. The resolutions adopted on the occasion of the memorial service were as follows:

"In the midst of life we are in death.' The truth of the quotation just uttered was never more strikingly illustrated than in the fate of the man to whose memory we today do honor. It is well for the living to express their sorrow and to pay the tribute of respect due to those who have been our daily associates and friends and who have before us passed over the line which is drawn between time and eternity. It is a duty demanded by friendship, by affection and by our common humanity; and while engaged in this duty it reminds us that we, too, are mortal; that we, too, are hastening to the grave, and that when a few more fleeting moments have passed we will be called into the presence of that Creator who has given us existence and opportunity and to whom we are responsible for the use of the possibilities He has placed within our grasp.

"When one's life has been rounded out to hoary hairs and furrowed cheeks and his head is then bowed upon the bed of death, there is a consolation that comes to the hearts of loved ones and friends in the consciousness of the fact that he has reached the fullness of time allotted to man. But when we stand by the open grave of one who has fallen in the full vigor of physical manhood and intellectual endowment, there is a touch of deeper sadness, a pang of keener grief. It is in the shadow of that grief that the bar of Richland county stands today. Thomas Frederick Black is dead. These five words record the fact that on December 2, 1905, the earthly career of our fellow member of the bar was ended.

"In politics he was a democrat, but while a close stickler for his own opinions he was always ready to concede to others the right to differ. In the spring of 1893 he was elected mayor of the city of Mansfield, and at the end of his term declined a reelection. As mayor he discharged his duties fearlessly, faithfully, honestly and with the greatest fidelity to the best interests of the people. He had a good word for everybody, was courteous, kind and affable in his everyday walk. He was widely known and will be greatly missed.

"He was earnest in the advocacy of his cause, painstaking in its preparation both as to the law and the facts, with an energy that scarcely knew any limitation, and had attained an enviable position in his profession. As in politics, so in the law he was a fair fighter. When assured that his cause was just he would pursue the enemies of it with a mailed hand, but he was always to be found waging his battle in the open, feeling that he would degrade himself and compromise his cause by resort to trickery or subterfuge to gain his ends. He could prosecute without persecuting. He was a kind neighbor, ever alert to hear the call of distress and most prompt to respond to it.

"Why he should have been called away in the very prime of life we cannot understand. We can only deplore his loss, extend to his bereaved wife and fatherless child our sympathy. While we realize that no words of ours can 'soothe the dull, cold ear of death,' it will be some consolation to them to know that others share their sorrow."

Mr. Black's life was that of an earnest and consistent Christian. It is our duty to mark our appreciation of such a man—a man true in every rela-

tion, faithful to every trust. It was in life's daily contacts and experiences, however, that he won the love of his fellowmen, proving the fact that "it is not from the few conspicuous deeds of life that the blessings chiefly come which make the world better, sweeter, happier; but from the countless lowly ministries of the everydays, the little faithfulnesses that fill long years."

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#### DANIEL M. TEETER.

Daniel M. Teeter, a well known farmer of Jefferson township, is a native son of Richland county, his birth having here occurred February 18, 1855. He is a son of John Teeter, whose sketch appears on another page in this work. Mr. Teeter received a good education, completing the high school course in the Bellville schools, after which he engaged in teaching for five terms. He also learned and followed the carpenter's trade for a number of years.

Mr. Teeter remained with his parents until he had attained the age of twenty-six years, when he established a home of his own by his marriage on the 1st of December, 1880, to Miss Mary E. Oldfield, a daughter of Abner and Ann (Tinkey) Oldfield, the former born in Richland county in 1834, while the later was born in the Keystone state and came to Richland county with her parents when twenty-one years of age. Her paternal grandfather located in Richland county in 1808 and was the first white man married in the county, he being one of a family of fourteen children. The father, Abner Oldfield, followed farming throughout his entire life and owned a valuable tract of one hundred and sixty acres, located in Jefferson township. His family numbered four children, Mrs. Teeter being the eldest. The only other living member is Susan, the wife of M. L. Pasts, a farmer. George is now deceased and the youngest died in infancy. The mother has also passed away, her death occurring January 2, 1902, and the father now makes his home with his two daughters. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Teeter has been blessed with three children, but the eldest died in infancy. Those living are Vena and Guy, both under the parental roof, the latter being a graduate of the Bellville high school.

Mr. Teeter follows the occupation of farming in Jefferson township, where he owns two hundred and forty-eight acres of good land, and he makes a specialty of raising strawberries. He uses the latest improved methods in carrying on his work and is a firm believer in scientific farming. He is also a strong advocate of education, and believes that the farmer should be especially well educated in order to make a success of his occupation. He strongly favors pike roads, and, in fact, is a thoroughly up-to-date citizen, supporting every measure which he believes will advance the moral, social or material welfare of the community in which he lives.

Mr. Teeter gives his political support to the men and measures of the Democracy, and has served as justice of the peace and he has also acted as a member of the school board. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias

lodge at Bellville and is also identified with the Grange, while both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. He has ever discharged his duties with marked ability and fairness, for he is a most loyal, public-spirited citizen, and one who is highly esteemed in the community in which he has always made his home.

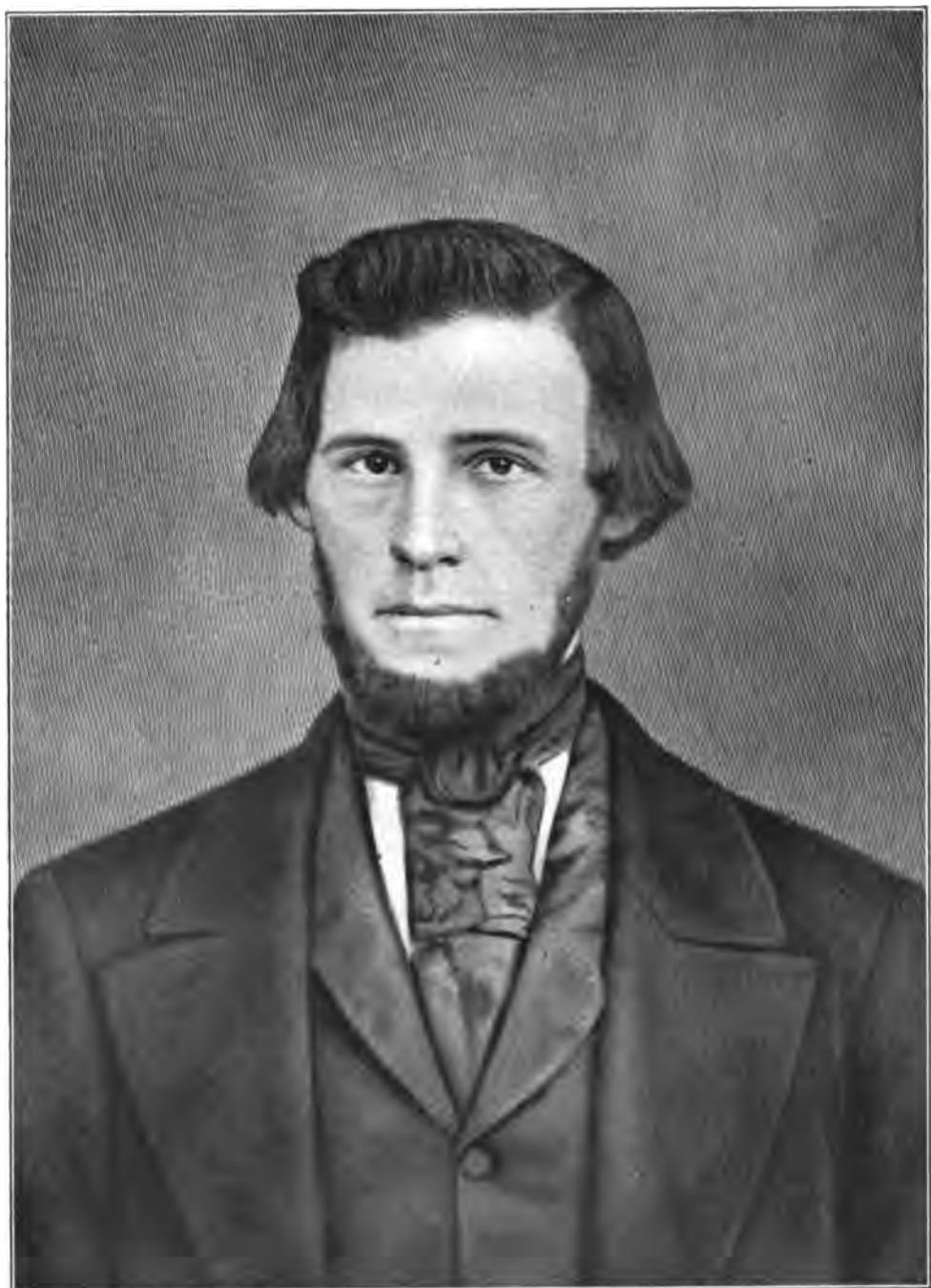
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#### DAVID LEEDY GARBER.

When Richland county was a frontier district the Garber family was established in this section of Ohio, and in both paternal and maternal lines David L. Garber was a representative of early families of this section who established their homes here on the frontier.

David Leedy Garber was born in Jefferson township, Richland county, Ohio, April 3, 1831. His parents were Samuel and Catherine (Leedy) Garber, who were pioneer residents of the southern portion of Richland county. They were prominent in the early days of the county and the father followed the occupation of farming. Mrs. Garber was the daughter of John Leedy, who was the first settler in that section of the country, arriving there in 1811. He took an active and helpful part in the early development of the county as the wild land was transformed into beautiful farms, while here and there a village sprang up, and the work of improvement and development was carried steadily forward. John Leedy was a man of gigantic proportions and at one time weighed four hundred and fifty pounds. His mother weighed three hundred and fifty pounds, and some of her daughters weighed between three hundred and three hundred and fifty pounds. Both Mr. and Mrs. Garber were of Swiss descent and they were married in 1825. As the years passed they assisted largely in the early development of the county, and among pioneer surroundings and environments David L. Garber was reared. He acquired his education in the early district schools, although opportunities of that day were very limited. The school buildings were often constructed of logs and were furnished in a very primitive manner. Comparatively few branches were taught at that date, but Mr. Garber was naturally a bright student and soon mastered the courses that comprised the curriculum at that time. He early learned what hard work on the farm meant as he assisted in agricultural pursuits, developing and cultivating new land. He carried on general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire life. He was a very successful farmer and made more than usual progress in his chosen occupation.

On the 8th of April, 1852, David L. Garber was married to Miss Susan Leedy, his mother's cousin. She is still living, having long survived Mr. Garber, who passed away April 5, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Garber reared a large family, who have been a credit and honor to their name. Their eldest son, Aaron Leedy Garber, was married to Mary Etta Myers and resides in Ashland, Ohio. He is editor, publisher, author and minister, and is well known and honored by reason of his life of general usefulness. Unto him and his wife were born



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one son and two daughters. Elihu Leedy Garber, the second son, married Ida Ritter, and has one son. He deals in musical instruments, teaches music and was for a number of years editor of the Bellville Star. Franklin Leedy Garber married Lovina Carpenter. He has five sons and four daughters, and is now engaged in farming and stock-raising, making his home upon the old farm which was originally the property of John Leedy. He also is known as a writer on agricultural subjects. Levi Leedy Garber wedded Alma Mooman, by whom he had one son and two daughters. For years he has been at the head of the normal department of the Ashland College, of Ashland, Ohio, and is the author of a series of study outlines for use in schools and colleges. Martha Elizabeth Garber is the wife of Mr. Shireby, by whom she has two children, and they make their home near Butler, Ohio. Jennie Alice Garber is the wife of Edwin Crain and the mother of eight children. Ezra, the next member of the family, died when six months old. Mrs. Susan Leedy Garber, the mother, some years after the death of her first husband, became the wife of Stephen P. Dyer and had one son, who is now deceased, and one daughter, Mrs. Bell Keyser, who is living in Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Dyer is still living and enjoying good health at the age of seventy-seven years. Her first husband, Mr. Garber, is well remembered in Richland county, where he spent his entire life and where he was widely known as a representative of the agricultural interests. He enjoyed the full respect of all with whom he came in contact.

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#### JOHN W. FICKES.

John W. Fickes, who is now living retired on his valuable and highly improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres, in Weller township, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, August 14, 1842, the son of Samuel and Barbara (Baer) Fickes. His father was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1808, and in 1817 accompanied his father's family on their removal to Wayne county, Ohio, where they took up a tract of government land. In 1831 he came to Richland county and located near Plymouth, where he bought a farm. He remained here for a short time, when they sold and removed to Wayne county, returning, however, to Richland county in 1846. Here they purchased a farm of three hundred and twenty acres, a portion of which is now the farm of our subject, referred to above. This place was partly cleared and had a few buildings on it, but above all, it possessed the prime requisite for further improvement, that is a rich and fertile soil. The father died on this place July 20, 1886, highly esteemed and respected by all. He had for many years been a leading citizen of the community. Politically he was a stanch democrat and was an active worker for his party's interests, having been honored with a number of offices. He served as justice of the peace for several years, also as township trustee for a number of years, and at one time was a candidate for the state legislature, but was defeated owing to the republicans being in the majority. He was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. On April 20, 1831, he was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Baer, who was born in Bedford county,

Pennsylvania, January 16, 1814, and was brought by her parents to Stark county, Ohio, in 1827. Five children were born to this union, of whom two are now living, namely: Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, of Mansfield, Ohio; and J. W., of this review. The mother makes her home with our subject and has attained to the advanced age of ninety-four years. Her mind is remarkably clear and her faculties unimpaired. Age has dealt kindly with her as her only affliction is that of defective eyesight.

J. W. Fickes was but four years of age when brought to Richland county by his parents. He received his early education in the district school and supplemented this with a course in the schools of Haysville, after which he taught school for several terms. During the war of the Rebellion he enlisted August 16, 1862, in Company A, McLaughlin's Squadron, and served with his company until the close of hostilities without a single day's absence. The first year his service was in eastern Kentucky and western Virginia; in 1863 he was with Burnside in the Knoxville campaign; in 1864 he was in the Atlanta campaign under General Stoneman; after the capture of Atlanta he was under Kilpatrick on Sherman's march to the sea, thence proceeded to North Carolina, where he was discharged at Concord in June, 1865. He then returned home and taught school for two terms.

On January 24, 1867, Mr. Fickes was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Backenstoe, who was born in Huron county, Ohio, April 29, 1849, the daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Fox) Backenstoe. The mother died in 1886, aged sixty-two years, while the father died in 1897 at the age of seventy-three years. Mr. Backenstoe and wife came to Richland county from Pennsylvania, and from here they removed to Huron county, where they remained a few years, then returned to Richland county, where they spent the remainder of their days. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Irene, deceased; Mary A., the wife of our subject; Anthony, who resides in Rome, Richland county; Uriah, who resides in Weller township; John, a resident of Blooming Grove township; Ida, the wife of Ira Pittenger, of Logansport, Indiana; Leila, the wife of Isaac Oswalt, of Mansfield, Ohio; and Lillie, the wife of James Beveridge, of Greenwich, Ohio.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fickes were born two daughters. Jessie is the wife of F. A. Miller, of Mansfield, Ohio. They have become the parents of three children, one of whom they have lost. The names of the two surviving are Ethel and Ruth. The other daughter is Carlotta, the widow of F. L. Hombart, and she has one son, Russell F., and resides at home with her parents. The family thus experience the unique distinction of having four generations residing under one roof: Mr. Fickes, his mother, his daughter, and his grandson. Mr. Fickes has resided continuously on his farm since his marriage. At one time he owned three hundred and twenty acres, the old original homestead, but he has since sold one hundred and sixty acres of this, and on the one hundred and sixty acres which he has retained he has had a tenant for several years past. In 1884 he built his residence, which is one of the finest country homes in Richland county.

Politically Mr. Fickes is identified with the democratic party. He is an active worker for his party's interest, has served as township trustee and

township assessor, and for about twenty years served on the school board at different times. Religiously both he and his estimable wife are faithful and consistent members of the Christian church at Shenandoah, in which Mr. Fickes holds the office of elder. His life has been one of continuous activity, and today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of the county. He is at all times ready to lend his aid and cooperation to any movement calculated to be of benefit to this section of the country or advance its wonderful development.

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#### W. A. CASSEL.

W. A. Cassel is one of the prosperous and progressive agriculturists of Sandusky township, owning a farm of one hundred and six acres, where he has spent his entire life. He was here born July 12, 1857, a son of John and Sarah Ann (Strough) Cassel. His brother, I. J. Cassel, is mentioned on another page of this volume.

W. A. Cassel, whose name introduces this review, began his education in the district schools near his father's home, this being supplemented by a course of study in Crestline high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1879. He was reared on the home farm, spending his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farm lads. His first independent venture was that of teaching school, which he followed for six terms. He was then engaged in clerking in a hardware store for two years, while in the spring of 1884 he returned to the home farm and has since operated this place. His father died in the spring of 1901, and his mother remained on the home farm until her death, which occurred about three years ago. The homestead property then came into the possession of our subject. This is a valuable tract, comprising one hundred and six acres, situated in Sandusky township, one mile from Crestline. It is improved with good buildings, including a fine country residence, a barn which was erected by him in 1906, and everything about the place has a neat and thrifty appearance, indicating the progressive methods of the owner. He is engaged in general farming and stock raising, and both branches of his business are proving a profitable source of revenue.

In 1888 Mr. Cassel was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Schweinfurth, a resident of Richland county. Three children have come to bless this union, namely: Clara Bell, who was born in September, 1889, and is at home; Charles William, who was born May 29, 1895; and Faith B., who was born April 24, 1899.

Mr. Cassel has allied himself with the democratic party, and for the past nineteen years has served as township clerk. He is also serving as clerk of the school board, the cause of education finding in him a warm friend. His fraternal relations are with Crestline Lodge, No. 266, K. P. He and his wife are members of the English Lutheran church, of which Mr. Cassel has served as elder for the past seven years. In whatever relation of life we find

him, whether in business circles, public position or social life, he is the same honorable and honored gentleman, and no man of this section of the state is held in higher esteem, and his estimable wife shares in the high regard in which he is held.

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#### SOLOMON CULVER, SR.

Solomon Culver, Sr., was one of the pioneer settlers of Richland county whose name is inseparably interwoven with its history. Different branches of the family had various traditions concerning the original American Culver ancestor. The name Culver, according to a reputable etymologist, is from the Middle English "culver," Anglo-Saxon culfre or culufre, which is supposed to come originally from the Latin columba or "dove." Hence it was originally a nickname when used as a surname, and was applied to an individual as a term of tender personal affection. Colver was an early variant of the name, and was used by Chaucer in his *Legende of Goode Women*. Families of Culvers and Colvers are found both in England and America, but the fact that the name found its root in the Anglo-Saxon culfre is sufficient to establish Culver as the more ancient orthography. In the early colonial muster rolls and archives of the Revolutionary war the name was also spelled Culvor, Cullver, Cullever, Colver, and even Calver.

It is easily proven that the greatest number of Culvers in the United States are descendants of Lieutenant Edward Culver (or Colver), the Puritan who was born in England about 1610, and with a party of Puritans under John Winthrop went to Massachusetts in 1635. He settled in Dedham, was a noted soldier of the Pequot war, and was afterward a leading man of the Connecticut colony and the progenitor of various branches of the family in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. There are certain branches of the family that claim a French ancestry, and there is a tradition, not sufficiently established, however, that Solomon Culver, of Richland county, was descended from a Prussian ancestor who spelled the name Kaulvers, and that succeeding generations Anglicized it to Culver.

Solomon Culver, Sr., was born August 18, 1760, on Chestnut Hill, in Litchfield county, Connecticut. About that time there was quite an exodus of Connecticut families to the neighboring colonies of Vermont, Massachusetts and New York, and the Culvers became residents of what in colonial times was called Spencer township, Albany county, but which since 1786 has been in Columbia county.

It was in the village of Spencertown that Solomon Culver resided while in the state of New York. In the spring of 1777 he was enrolled as a private in the state militia and served under Captain Ebenezer Benjamin in the Seventeenth (Kings District) Regiment, commanded by Colonel William Bradford Whiting. At one time he was transferred for a short service to the company of Captain John Salisbury of the same regiment. During the years 1777 and 1778 Solomon Culver was called out for tours of duty under Cap-

tain Benjamin on several occasions at the period of the anticipated invasion of New York by Burgoyne and on account of frequent alarms produced by the fear and danger of hostilities on the part of the Indians, but he was not engaged in any important battles. He served, however, as a guard during the transportation of stores by wagons from Fort George to Fort Edward and was in the retreat from Burgoyne toward Saratoga. He was "invalided" in the service, and in 1832 was allowed a pension by the United States government.

About 1785 Solomon Culver married Lodamia Burr, daughter of Samuel Burr, Sr., and Christiana (Cadwell) Burr, of the township of Farmington, in Connecticut. Lodamia Burr was born in 1764, and was descended from eminent ancestors in both the paternal and maternal lines, tracing the line back to Benjamin Burr, of Hartford, Connecticut, the founder of the family in America. Her mother was Christiana, daughter of James and Sarah (Merry) Cadwell, and was married to Samuel Burr, Sr., December 28, 1752.

In 1789 Solomon Culver and his young wife removed to Pennsylvania, settling in the beautiful Wyoming valley, a few miles from Wilkes-Barre. There they resided for almost twenty years, and the majority of their thirteen children were born there. In 1807, however, Solomon Culver resolved to seek a home in the Ohio country, which was then being rapidly settled by emigrants from the Middle and New England states. He located near the present village of Fredericktown, in Knox county, but at the outbreak of the second war with England, because of the fear of Indians, he and many of his neighbors went to the adjoining county of Richland, where he and William Ayres, a relative by marriage, entered the southeast quarter of section 4, township 20, range 18, comprising one hundred and sixty acres, on the 11th of June, 1813. The land records of Richland county show that Solomon Culver owned many broad acres in Washington township, and also had land on the southwest quarter of section 3 and the northwest quarter of section 10. A large part of this property he disposed of by deed to his children and neighbors between 1818 and 1834. He resided on the southwest quarter of section 3, Washington township, on the state road, a few miles south of Mansfield, and it is claimed that on this place the first sawmill in Richland county was erected about the year 1816.

In 1814 Troy township, including what is now Washington township, was organized, and at the first meeting of the citizens after the organization, on October 4, 1814, Solomon Culver was chosen one of three trustees, and was again chosen at the second election April 3, 1815. Washington township, named in honor of George Washington, was organized March 4, 1816, and at the first election Solomon Culver, Sr., was chosen chairman of the board of trustees. His life in Washington township was quiet and uneventful. He lived like an old-time patriarch, the center of a large family group, until his death, which occurred April 2, 1835, in his seventy-fifth year, just six months after the demise of his wife, Lodamia, who passed away October 3, 1834, in her seventieth year.

Solomon and Lodamia Culver were parents of thirteen children, twelve born ere their departure for Ohio, while the youngest child, Frederick Burr

Culver, was born in Fredericktown, Knox county, Ohio, about 1808 or 1809. John Culver, the eldest son, was connected with his brother William in the conduct of a large dry goods business in Louisville, Kentucky, until the firm dissolved in 1837, when he returned to Ohio and followed farming and land surveying. He afterward lived in Galesburg, Illinois. He married Martha Post, and their children were Alexander, Lemuel, Austin, Emeline, Charles Post, Albert and Martha. Of these Dr. Charles Post Culver was for some time private secretary to the late Hon. A. H. Stephens, of Georgia. In 1861-2 he was a surgeon in the Confederate army, but ill health forced his resignation. For a time he practiced medicine in Baltimore and Washington, D. C., but later became a practitioner of law, which he found more congenial to his tastes. He removed from Washington, D. C., to Tacoma, Washington, where he died a few years ago, and his wife, Katharine, died April 7, 1889.

Calvin Culver, second son of Solomon Culver, Sr., married Lodamia Case, and their children were Sterling, Caleb, Sarah, Julia Ann, John, Chauncey, Solomon and Alvira. Calvin Culver came from Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, to Troy township, Richland county, in the summer of 1812, and at the first citizens' meeting after the organization of the township, held October 4, 1814, he was chosen as the first constable. Prior to 1816 he removed to Washington township.

Russell Culver, third son of Solomon Culver, Sr., wedded Mary Post, sister of his brother John's wife. Their children were William, Phoebe Ann, Elizabeth, Rachel, Burr, Jefferson, Lena and Emeline.

Jacob Culver, fourth son of Solomon Culver, Sr., married Susanna Buss, and their children were Jesse, Catharine, Lydia, Lucy, Eleanor, Nelson, Aaron, Susanna, Emily and Laura. It is said that the parents were married in Easton, Pennsylvania, in 1809, and in 1815 they came to Ohio and entered the northeast quarter of section 10, Jefferson township.

Solomon Culver, Jr., son of Solomon Culver, Sr., married Nancy Arnet, and their children were Eleanor, David, Selena and Cyrus. Of these children David came into possession of his father's farm, besides having many acres of his own, all of which he bequeathed at his death to his two daughters. The house which he occupied is still standing and appears just as it did nearly one hundred years ago when he first located on the old state road in 1815.

William Edward Culver, sixth son of Solomon Culver, Sr., was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, July 3, 1803, and was about five years of age when his parents removed to Knox county, Ohio, whence the family came to Richland county about 1812 or 1813, settling a few miles south of Mansfield, on the old state road. As the boy grew up he determined to carve his own fortune, and before attaining his majority left home and went to Paris, Kentucky, where he entered into a business partnership whereby he obtained a certain per cent of the profits. Later he formed a partnership with Hezekiah S. Elgin, of Fayette county, Kentucky, in the dry goods, hardware and grocery business, and after four years thus passed he became a partner of Isaac R. Barrows, continuing in the same general line until his marriage—a clause of the partnership agreement stipulating that the marriage of either

party should dissolve the business relation. He then opened a store in Centerville, Kentucky, and at the time formed a partnership with John Kirkpatrick at Lexington, Kentucky, in the wholesale and retail grocery business, but Mr. Kirkpatrick died soon afterward.

While in Centerville, Kentucky, William E. Culver was commissioned postmaster of the town May 10, 1825. In 1829 he removed to Cynthiana, Kentucky, where he opened and conducted a dry goods store until July, 1831, when he removed his business to Louisville, Kentucky, establishing a wholesale dry goods house in partnership with James W. Craig, employing at times as many as eighteen salesmen. In 1836-7 he delivered forty thousand dollars worth of goods by flat boat, which went from Louisville down the Mississippi to New Orleans. He also built the old Jefferson House of Louisville, which was later destroyed by fire at a total loss. In 1839 he became an exchange banker and broker, conducting a private banking business until October 3, 1857, the year of the great financial panic. He was very successful, being rated as one of the three wealthiest citizens of Louisville at one period. During his later years he lived retired and died in Washington, D. C., March 12, 1876. In politics he was always a Democrat. He was a councilman in Louisville for a number of years, a director in several banks and railroads and a large landowner in Louisville, Cincinnati and Jeffersonville, Indiana, besides having many acres of unimproved land in Missouri, Tennessee and other states. Although living many years in a southern state he was a stanch advocate of the Union cause, and did not hesitate to express his sentiments upon occasion, even in the midst of an overwhelming southern majority. He was married twice. His first wife was Martha Hawkins Craig, born November 24, 1805, a daughter of Samuel H. Craig, of Kentucky. Their marriage took place June 15, 1826, and they had the following children: Lemuel H., James Edward Allen, Pauline Ann and Mary. Of these children Lemuel H. and James E. A. died young, while Pauline was married March 24, 1853, to Dr. Robert Vaughan, and Mary became the wife of Major A. L. Symmes January 20, 1857. William E. Culver's second wife was Jane McClintock, born in Philadelphia December 23, 1833, a daughter of Matthew and Susan (Appleby) McClintock. Of this marriage, which occurred in Baltimore, Maryland, January 9, 1868, there was one child, Frank Barnum, born in Baltimore November 12, 1868. He entered the public schools of that city, was graduated from the City College on the 28th of June, 1886, being second honor man in his class and receiving at the same time the annual prize awarded by the New Shakespeare Society of England for the best critical essay upon a Shakespearean play. He entered the Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore in the fall of 1886 and was graduated June 13, 1889, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, being sixth in a class of thirty-six. He is cashier of the American Bonding Company, of Baltimore, Maryland, and prominent in the business circles there. He wedded Mary Catharine Spicer, daughter of the late Dr. Hiram L. Spicer, of Baltimore, and they have one child, Francis Edward Culver, born June 13, 1899.

Frederick Burr Culver, seventh son of Solomon Culver, Sr., married Adela Kendall, daughter of Hon. Amos Kendall, of "Kendall Green," Wash-

ington, D. C., who was postmaster general from 1835 until 1837. This marriage took place in 1839, and the wife died in May, 1851. Frederick Burr Culver received his first name, according to family tradition, from an odd and amusing circumstance. He was the youngest child of Solomon and Lodamia Culver, and was born during their residence in Fredericktown, Ohio, about 1808 or 1809. According to this tradition there had never been a male child born in the town up to that time, and so when it became known that a child was expected the principal men of the place waited upon the parents, requesting "if it should be a son they would name it Frederick, after the town," and promising in this event to present the boy with a silver cup. The request was complied with, but it became a joke in the family that "Fred got the name but he never got the cup." The children of Frederick B. and Adela Culver were William and Edwin Kendall Culver. At the outbreak of the Civil War these youths entered the Confederate service in the Chesapeake Battery of the Fourth Maryland Artillery. William was killed April 2, 1865, at Fort Gregg, near Petersburg, and Edwin K. married Mary Osborne, of an old East Shore Maryland family, and had two daughters.

There were six daughters in the family of Solomon Culver, Sr. Clarissa became the wife of Ephraim Bull, and her children were Ephraim, Jefferson and Van Buren Bull. Rhoda Culver was married September 3, 1819, to William Chapman, son of Deacon Nathaniel Chapman. They had six children and lived at Sharon, Ohio. Lodamia Culver became the wife of Thomas Edginton, a lawyer, who resided in Mansfield, and their children were Martha, Thomas, Henry, Mary and Harriet. Elizabeth Culver became the wife of William Ayres, and their children were Burton, Elizabeth and William N. The last named resided at Elizabethtown, Illinois, and was a member of the Illinois legislature in 1871-2. Orpha Culver was married to Arunah Pierson, had two children, Lodamia and Philemon, and lived in Morrow county, Ohio. Fannie Culver, the youngest daughter, was married to Andrew Coffinberry, the first county recorder (1813), the first law student in Mansfield, the first schoolteacher in Madison township and the first justice of the peace.

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#### JACOB MOTTAWAY, SR.

Jacob Mottayaw, Sr., a successful agriculturist residing on section 35, Weller township, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, September 7, 1830, his parents being Jacob and Rosena Mottayaw, both natives of Germany. The father came to Richland county, Ohio, in 1835 and here rented land for two years, while subsequently he purchased a tract of fifteen acres, on which he made his home until called to his final rest. His demise occurred November 19, 1878, and his wife passed away on the 19th of November, 1871. Their family numbered four children, namely: Jacob, of this review; Caroline, whose birth occurred in 1834 and who is now deceased; Katherine, the wife of C. Bradley, of Indiana; and Philip.

Jacob Mottayaw acquired his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had attained mature years. He then learned the blacksmith's trade and followed the same for thirteen years. On the expiration of that period he purchased the farm on which he resides, comprising two hundred and twenty-four acres on section 35, Weller township, while subsequently he bought thirty-five acres more. He has a comfortable home.

In 1863 Mr. Mottayaw was united in marriage to Miss Jane L. Osbun, whose birth occurred in Weller township, May 14, 1827, her parents being Jacob and Rachel Osbun, both of whom are now deceased. The father came to this part of the state when it was but a wilderness, locating in Weller township, Richland county, as early as 1814. Mrs. Mottayaw, who was one of a family of eight children, passed away on the 9th of April, 1899. She left five children to mourn her loss, namely: Jacob, Jr., of this county; Luella R., the wife of Perry Kohler, of Richland county; Mary C., at home; Rhoda C., who is the wife of E. L. Horn and makes her home in Mansfield; and Artie J., the wife of H. O. Doolittle.

Mr. Mottayaw gives stalwart allegiance to the republican party and the cause of education finds in him a stanch friend. He has served as elder in the Lutheran church, of which both he and his wife have been faithful members for twenty-five years. He is well known and highly esteemed throughout this county, where he has now made his home for more than the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, and receives the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on life's journey and whose career has been beyond reproach.

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#### E. S. NAIL.

Among the many institutions worthy of special mention, there are some always more deserving than others. Some are born of purely selfish motives, only to meet a fate which all such institutions deserve. Others are the product of circumstances and are born to meet the necessities and the demands by the public. These are opportunities that practical business men make use of and are the foundation of institutions of great merit and respectability.

Early in the year 1895, through the influence of the Union Association of Lumber Dealers of the states of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Pennsylvania, a committee was appointed, of which E. S. Nail, of Mansfield, Ohio, was chairman, to ascertain the amount of fire insurance carried by the members of this association, the premiums paid during the previous year, and the losses sustained. It was found that the members of this association who reported to the committee were paying what they thought was a higher rate for the insurance on their property than they should in proportion to the amount of losses sustained to the premiums received. It was also found that the expense ratio of other companies insuring the members of this association was out of proportion when compared with the expenses necessary for the

proper conduct of their business, and this, together with the loss ratio, increased the cost of their insurance beyond what they thought they should be called upon to bear.

In view of this, the committee recommended the organization of a company on the mutual plan, dealing direct with the owner of the property, eliminating all expense except that necessary to properly conduct the business. As a result, in October, 1895, a company was organized, known as The Lumbermen's Mutual Insurance Company of Mansfield, Ohio, to insure the property of lumber dealers in the United States and Canada, charging the same rate as that of other companies, and, after paying losses and expenses and putting aside a reasonable proportion of the earnings for a contingency, to return to the members of the company the balance as dividends.

Upon the completion of the organization of the company, which required no little time and considerable expense, E. S. Nail, of Mansfield, Ohio, was elected president and manager, he having had a long experience in the lumber business, eminently qualifying him for the position to which he had been called. Calling to his assistance other lumbermen to become members of his board of directors, he demonstrated a degree of perception and knowledge of men that has greatly aided him in the prominence to which this company has now attained.

Deserving mention in this board of directors are B. F. Weybrecht, of Alliance, Ohio; G. W. Campbell, of Toledo, Ohio; W. S. Parker, of Findlay, Ohio; F. D. Torrence, of Xenia, Ohio; J. W. Frankeberger, of Mansfield, Ohio; H. D. Henry, of Athens, Ohio; D. W. Dobbins, of Lima, Ohio; S. F. Wolfe, of Athens, Ohio, and B. F. Packard, of Warren, Ohio, all men prominently identified with the lumber interests of the state, the latter two being deceased.

This company has grown rapidly almost from its first inception, occupying at first an office in what is known as the Odd Fellows building on the east side of the park. Outgrowing its quarters, it moved to what is known as the Dickson building, corner Third and Walnut streets, there to remain for a period of about five years, when the growth of the company necessitated a further change. After a very careful consideration by the executive board, and an examination of desirable locations in and about the city of Mansfield, they were induced to purchase the old residence property consisting of some thirty acres of ground, formerly owned by the Hon. George W. Geddes. Here the company after extensively remodeling the dwelling, which was a substantial structure, to meet the growing demands of the company moved into what is now their present quarters, the early part of the year 1906. It was thought after the improvements had been made they would be ample for the needs of the company for many years to come, but so rapid has been its growth, doing business in every state and territory in the Union, that the present quarters have become entirely inadequate. After moving three times and rebuilding once, they are now engaged in further enlarging their present office, which they have greatly outgrown.

There is no more conspicuous place about the city of Mansfield, than that occupied by their office. We doubt if there is a location anywhere in

the state that equals it. The wealth of nature is in keeping with the financial standing of this company. It cannot be said that the company has been selfish in retaining a large amount of its earnings, for they have returned in the years in which they have been operating to the members of their company, as dividends, nearly a half million dollars. It is a distinction that this company is permanently located in the city of Mansfield, in which the citizens should take pride, for it is one of those organizations that was not the outgrowth of any selfish or personal motive, but purely to bring relief to one of the greatest industries of this country—the lumber trade.

The company does not do a general insurance business, and it cannot be said that they are selfish by so doing, for to demonstrate the purpose of the company it was necessary that the business in which they were engaged, bear its own burden, which has resulted in great benefit to the members by decreased cost in fire insurance.

Deep and broad has the foundation of this company been laid, for it is not for the present, nor those who are now actively engaged in the lumber business, that this company seeks to benefit only, but the generations to follow.

This is but a brief history of one of the permanent institutions of Mansfield, and one deserving of special mention.

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#### CYRUS GATTON.

Cyrus Gatton, residing on his farm on section 12, Jefferson township, was formerly an extensive landowner of this county and was also engaged in the stock business to a considerable extent. He was born in a log house in Jefferson township, August 28, 1838, his parents being Isaac and Hettie M. Gatton, who came to Richland county in 1812. He obtained a common-school education, pursuing his studies in a log schoolhouse, and he remained with his father until he attained his majority.

Mr. Gatton began farming upon a part of his father's home place. At the age of sixteen years he commenced breeding Merino sheep, starting with only three, and has since devoted considerable attention to that industry. During his boyhood wool was worth sixty cents per pound and during the Civil War sold for one dollar per pound. He entered his sheep at the first fair held in Mansfield and carried off the first prize. His fine Merino sheep have been shipped all over the country, and he has also bought and shipped cattle and hogs as well as sheep, starting in that business in 1865 and continuing it for nearly twenty years. He handled about fifty carloads annually, Bellville and Butler being his shipping points.

Since then Mr. Gatton has engaged in farming and at one time was the owner of seven hundred acres of valuable land, all in Richland county, but is now farming only one hundred and sixty acres on section 12, Jefferson township, having distributed the remainder among his children. He has placed many improvements upon his farm and is well known as one of the

county's most successful and prominent agriculturists. Adjoining his place there is an Indian graveyard, called the Mound, in which seven Indians and seven white people are buried.

On the 3d of January, 1867, Mr. Gatton was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Hines, a native of this county, while her parents were born in Maryland. Unto our subject and his wife were born ten children, namely: Isaac, a resident of Bellville; Nettie, the wife of William Swagert, of Monroe township; Annie, at home; Wilbur, of this county; Marilla, the wife of Webster Tucker, of Monroe township; George Clinton, of Cleveland, Ohio; Floyd, at home; Daisy the wife of Alvin Reeder; and Ella May and Albert, who were accidentally shot at school. On the 28th of December, 1902, Mr. Gatton was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, her demise being deeply regretted by many friends as well as her immediate family.

Mr. Gatton gives his political support to the republican party and has served in the position of supervisor. Throughout his entire life, already covering more than the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, he has been a resident of this county and that his career has ever been honorable and upright is indicated by the fact that he has the respect and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact through business or social relations.

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#### ROGER HEATH.

There is hardly a business enterprise of any importance, especially along industrial lines, in Shelby that has not benefited by the business ability, keen insight and undaunted enterprise of Roger Heath, although milling has been and is his real life work. Entirely unostentatious and free from desire for display, he has nevertheless left the impress of his individuality upon the public life and progress here. He was born in Devonshire, England, April 30, 1840, his parents being Roger and Susan (Cocks) Heath, who spent their entire lives in England. Many representatives have followed the miller's trade, the father, grandfather, five uncles, a brother and brother-in-law of our subject having all been millers. The father and all his brothers were in business on river Avon. Some of them owned mills, while others leased milling property.

Roger Heath of this review was one of a family of six children who reached adult age, he being the fifth in order of birth. He lost his father in his sixth year and when fourteen years of age entered the employ of an uncle, who was operating the mill which was being conducted by the father at the time of his demise. He was apprenticed to his uncle, whom he served for a term of seven years, and then when twenty-one years of age he started out in life as a journeyman. He was employed at various places in Great Britain, where his capable service won him recognition and he received good wages for that work, but he believed that the business opportunities in the new world were superior to those that he could secure in his native land and accordingly he made arrangements to come to the United States. He had previously been married and with his wife and three children he crossed the Atlantic.



MR. AND MRS. ROGER HEATH



Making his way into the interior of the country, Roger Heath first located at Akron, Ohio, and afterward went to Kent, Ohio, where he started in business on his own account. Since 1877 he has made his home in Shelby. Here he purchased a mill in connection with his brother Henry, it being sold at sheriff sale. The plant was then in a much dilapidated condition, but with resolute purpose the brothers set to work to improve it and bring it into harmony with ideas of modern milling. The partnership between the brothers was continued until 1890, when Roger Heath purchased the interest of Henry Heath. In the conduct of the mill he has increased the capacity from time to time and added to the equipment until today this is one of the best equipped and best organized mills to be found in this section of Ohio. There is more modern machinery in this establishment than in any mill of its size in the state and Mr. Heath's opinion concerning any new machinery that is purchased is eagerly sought by the manufacturers of mill machinery. He has always aimed at quality rather than quantity in his output and has sought to create a demand for his goods by reason of the excellence of his output. He has recently installed valuable machinery and is now extensively engaged in the manufacture of such well known brands of flour as the Silver Leaf, Bon Ton, Imperial, Paragon, Climax and Moss Rose. Mr. Heath never allows anything that is not up to the highest standard to leave the mill. In fact he has constantly striven toward the ideal in business in the character of his service, in the quality of the output and in his relations to the trade. The plant which he purchased thirty years ago had a capacity of twenty-five barrels. Today the daily capacity is two hundred barrels. Mr. Heath has been very faithful to his business, giving personal supervision to it day after day, and is the veteran miller of this locality and one who commands the respect of milling men throughout this portion of Ohio and wherever he is known.

A man of resourceful enterprise and ability, Mr. Heath has extended his efforts to various other lines whereby Shelby has profited, while he has received substantial benefits therefrom. He is now the president and one of the directors of the Citizens Bank, which he aided in organizing. He was also prominent in establishing the Shelby Steel Tube Works, the Shelby Bicycle Works, the Automobile Works, the Shelby Printing Company, the Land Improvement Company, the Shelby Foundry Company, and is likewise a director in the new Shelby Tube Company. He determines with great readiness the value of any business enterprise, recognizes the possibilities of failure and the opportunities of success, and if he believes that the latter may be secured he enters heartily into his endorsement and support of the project.

On the 27th of August, 1867, Mr. Heath was married to Miss Anna Janette Constance, who was born in England. They became the parents of eleven children, ten of whom are living, Fannie, the third child, having died at the age of twenty-two years. The others are: Roger, now living in Illinois; Mrs. Constance Giligan, of Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Katharine Inscho, of Cleveland; William Henry, who aids in the operation of the mill; Nanette and Jannette, at home; Bert, who is traveling for the mill; George and Frank, twins, the former now in the mill, while the latter is in Kansas; and Harry, who completes the family.

Mr. Heath is stalwart in his support of the republican party and its principles, has served for two terms as a member of the board of public works, and has also been a member of the city council for two terms. He stands very high in public regard, being one of the most respected and honored residents of Shelby. In the year 1900 he took a vacation and attended the Paris Exposition. No better indication of the place which he fills in Shelby can be given than was manifest when after an absence of months he returned to his adopted city to be welcomed by one thousand people, headed by two brass bands. He has many friends among the poor as well as among the prosperous, for he has always been generous in his aid of those who need assistance. He is very democratic in manner. There is nothing about him for show or display and yet all recognize the sterling integrity of his character and delight to honor a man who is so well worthy the esteem and good will of his fellow citizens.

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#### MRS. ELIZABETH NANCY RYDER.

Mrs. Elizabeth Nancy Ryder, residing in the village of Lucas, is well known in this part of the county, having a wide and favorable acquaintance. She was born in Jefferson township, June 12, 1839, and is the widow of John Ryder. Her husband was also a native of this county, while his parents were born in Pennsylvania. He was reared on the old homestead farm near Newville, Ohio, and his education was acquired in the public schools. He afterward learned the carriage maker's trade, which he followed successfully for forty years. In the meantime he purchased a farm of one hundred acres in Richland county. As he prospered in his undertakings he used the opportunity for judicious investment and became the owner of a valuable tract of land. He was one of a family of twelve children, so his opportunities in youth were somewhat limited, but he always made the best of his advantages and was well known for his unabating energy and indefatigable industry. Moreover, his business dealings were ever straightforward, he being never known to take advantage of the necessities of another in a trade transaction.

It was in 1860 that John Ryder was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Nancy Ball, a daughter of Herman and Elizabeth (Gatton) Ball, who were of English and Scotch descent. Her father came to Richland county at a very early date, casting in his lot with the settlers who were reclaiming the wild district for the uses of civilization. He was a graduate of Yale University. He rode from Philadelphia to this state on horseback when this section of Ohio was being opened up to settlement, and from the government entered five farms, one for himself and for each of his brothers. He then returned to Philadelphia, where he and his four brothers perfected their plans and arrangements for becoming residents of this state. Some of the number located in Mount Vernon and others in Fredericktown, Ohio, upon the claims which Mr. Ball had entered, improved the property and continued to reside here until called to their final rest. After carrying on general agricultural

pursuits for a considerable period Mrs. Ryder's father turned his attention to the banking business and in that undertaking lost everything he had, amounting to about fifty thousand dollars. He was descended from a family noted for their thrift, integrity and piety and there were about thirty ministers of the Presbyterian church in different branches of the family.

Mrs. Ryder's grandfather, Gatton, came to the state of Ohio during the pioneer epoch in its history and entered four or five hundred acres of land from the government. His family numbered sixteen children, all of whom reached adult age.

Mrs. Ryder's eldest sister was born in Knox county, Ohio, but lived in Richland county for a number of years. She then went to live with her grandparents at Oberlin and attended school to within six months of graduation, when she was called home on account of illness. A few years later she married Dr. Bickerdyke and removed to Cincinnati. The medical institution there offered to give a free course of nursing to any one who would accept the offer and Mrs. Bickerdyke was among three who did so. When the Civil War broke out she was a widow with two little sons. She left the children in the care of friends and went to the front as a nurse, thus aiding her country until the close of the war. She spent her last days with her son, James Bickerdyke, who was a highly educated man. He served as professor of the schools of Salina, Kansas, and died a year after his mother's death. A brother of Mrs. Ryder, Joseph George Washington Allen Ball, who signed his name Joseph G. W. A. Ball, was a great Bible student. He had read the Bible through ten times before he was twelve years of age and by the time he was nineteen he had read the Bible through sixteen times and had learned it almost by heart. He possessed a very retentive memory and was well read in history and poetry. In fact, he was a great lover of literature and a man of broad learning. He had several offers from Bible houses that wished him to become a salesman, so he made that his life work, selling Bibles in the south for five years before the war broke out. While thus engaged he stayed for a time with Mr. Shealds and told Mr. Ball that he was the first man that he ever met who knew the Bible by heart. He also said that he would give him all the land that he wanted if Mr. Ball would make his home there and help to keep his (Shealds') slaves at work. Mr. Ball, however, refused, saying that he was no slave driver and would not accept the offer if the whole south were given him. He was always on the side of the oppressed and at all times stood for justice and truth. He was fond of debating upon the questions of the sin of slavery and of intemperance, but he was never bitterly aggressive. In fact, he was a man of most kindly nature, was a friend to everybody and never had an enemy. He always looked on the bright side and brought cheer and happiness into the lives of many with whom he came in contact. He spent his last years in Mobile, Alabama, where he died at the age of fifty-five, leaving a wife and one daughter.

In early womanhood Mrs. Ryder engaged in teaching school, following the profession for several terms and proving capable both as a disciplinarian and as an instructor. By her marriage she became the mother of a daughter and son, but the former, Mary L., is now deceased. The son, Virgil, is a

graduate of Wooster University and also Harvard College. He is a gentleman of broad culture and education and is now professor of Latin and Greek in Wilson College at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, while his wife is a teacher of the piano and violin at the same institution. He is prominent socially, belonging to the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Redmen, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of Pythias and the Alpha Tau Omega, which is a college fraternity. He has made an excellent record in his chosen life work and Mrs. Ryder has every reason to be proud of her son.

The death of the husband and father occurred in February, 1896, when he was seventy-four years of age. His political support was given to the democracy and he held several township offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity. His life was honorable, his actions manly and sincere and he enjoyed in large measure the confidence and good will of all with whom he was associated. He was known as a loyal and progressive citizen and a faithful friend, but his best traits of character were reserved for his own home and fireside.

Since her husband's death Mrs. Ryder has continued to make her home in Richland county and is now owner of a fine residence and five acres of land in the village of Lucas in Monroe township. She has all kinds of fruit upon her place and it is a most attractive, pleasant and hospitable home. She supports the Lutheran church and is well known for her many good traits of heart and mind. Like Mr. Ryder, she shares in the friendship of many who knew them in the county and she has a wide acquaintance in Richland, where her entire life has been spent.

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#### TERESA HOGAN.

Teresa Hogan, residing in Perryville, Ohio, is a daughter of Michael and Ann (Oakley) Hogan. As the name indicates the family is of Irish lineage. The father was born on the Emerald isle and pursued his education in the University of Dublin, completing a classical course by graduation at the age of twenty years. When he considered the business field, he believed that he might find better opportunities in other countries than the land of his nativity. The property of his ancestors had been confiscated by the government, by reason of their espousal of the cause of freedom, so that when Mr. Hogan completed his education he had scarcely any capital with which to begin life. He bravely faced the situation, however, and made the most of his opportunities.

Feeling that he might place confidence in his own labors and that he was capable of maintaining a home, Mr. Hogan married Miss Ann Oakley, and unto them was born one child ere their emigration to the new world. In 1818, however, they bade adieu to Ireland and the friends of their early life and sailed for the United States. Mr. Hogan was a well educated man, capable by reason of his mental training for positions of considerable impor-

tance. Such a position he found in New York city, where he remained for five years. In 1823 he arrived in Ohio, settling at Newville, where he established a store, which he conducted for some time. Later he purchased a farm in Monroe township, Richland county, and took up his abode thereon in April, 1827. With characteristic energy he began to till the fields, bringing the wild land under a high state of cultivation, so that rich crops were annually gathered. He was a successful farmer and business man and at his death left valuable property, embracing two good farms of one hundred and sixty acres each, which are now the property of his daughter, Teresa. In early life he gained a good knowledge of medicine and after he came to Ohio he practiced successfully among his neighbors and was frequently called to long distances that he might aid those who knew him, through his knowledge of medicine and the healing art. He never exacted nor accepted a fee for his services, but gave all the benefit of his aid gratuitously. The laws regulating the medical practice were not as strict then as now, and while he was not a graduate physician he did good work and many a resident of the community acknowledged their indebtedness to him for his efforts in their behalf. His political allegiance was given to the democracy.

Mr. Hogan was a man of broad intelligence who always kept well informed on public questions and issues of the day, political or otherwise. He was strong in his belief, nor was he ever at a loss to give a reason for the position which he occupied. He was a most public-spirited man, interested always in the welfare of his community and whenever he found it possible—as he often did—he aided actively and generously in the support of many movements that were of benefit to Richland county. The cause of education found in him a stalwart champion, as he ever endorsed the movements for the improvement of the public schools. While he belonged to the Roman Catholic church and reared his family in that faith, he was liberal in his views on religious questions, and endorsed every movement which tended to promote a moral development of the community. In all his business transactions he was thoroughly straightforward and reliable and at all times was known as a most honorable man. His wife was a member of the Episcopal church and died July 24, 1864, at the age of sixty-seven years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hogan were born seven children: Maria, the eldest, became the wife of James N. Applegate, of Chicago, and is now deceased. Edmund T. was a lawyer and died in California in 1895. He studied under his father's direction until he acquired a good classical education and then entered the college of St. Xavier at Cincinnati, where he was graduated. He afterward pursued the study of law under the direction of the Hon. T. N. Bartley, of Mansfield, and subsequently went to California, where he was admitted to the bar. In that state he gained recognition as an able lawyer, serving as prosecuting attorney for twelve years and was also common police judge of Plumas county. He continued a resident of the Golden State until his death. Eleanora, the next member of the family, married Isaac Bergen, and died in 1888. Margaret is the wife of Simon McCarthy, a resident of Oklahoma. Ann and Teresa reside upon the home farm. Cecelia is the wife of James Sheehy. Clara completes the family. Both Teresa and Ann still

reside upon the home place, which they inherited from their father, and their grandnephew, Lawrence Baker, lives with them and operates the farm under their management. They are ladies who have made many friends and are well known in Monroe township and other parts of the county.

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#### CAPTAIN HORACE L. REED.

(Sketch written by A. J. Baughman.)

Horace L. Reed was born in Rootstown, Portage county, Ohio, November 13, 1840. As a youth he attended the public schools of his native village. When he arrived at the years of manhood he became a teacher and was to teach a select school in fall of 1862, when he patriotically concluded to answer his country's call for troops, enlisting on August 1, 1862, as a private in Company I, One Hundred and Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under President's Lincoln's call for "three hundred thousand more." He was offered a commission but preferred to enter the ranks as a private, and for ten months thereafter carried a musket in the ranks. On May 29, 1863, Mr. Reed was commissioned second lieutenant, and on June 12th of the same year was promoted to first lieutenant and was in charge of his company most of the time until the close of the war. Captain Bard was killed in battle and the other lieutenant wounded.

The One Hundred and Fourth Regiment was recruited almost exclusively from the counties of Stark, Columbiana, Summit and Portage. It was organized at Camp Massillon and was mustered into the service on the 30th of August, 1862, and left for Cincinnati on the first day of September. Upon its arrival at the Queen City it was taken across the Ohio river into Covington, Kentucky, then went out on the Alexander turnpike three miles and went into camp. On the 12th of September the regiment began actual service and went on a march toward Lexington in pursuit of the rebels. This first march was hard on the men, for the roads were dusty and the springs dried up and, being without tents and not inured to army exposure, the troops suffered severely. While at Lexington, in order to attest the efficiency of the drill, there was a grand review of the different regiments and the One Hundred and Fourth Ohio carried off the palm for the highest degree of discipline and drill.

The One Hundred and Fourth Regiment was placed in the Twenty-third Army Corps, under General Schofield, which later joined General Thomas' force, and although the command in which Captain Reed bore an honorable part during his entire term saw hard service the Franklin-Nashville campaign deserves special notice.

While General Sherman was making his grand march from Atlanta to the sea, General Thomas was left to stand between Hood's army and the Ohio river, and how well he performed that task and how faithfully he fulfilled his mission the pages of history eloquently tell.

The cry of "On to Richmond," in 1861, led to disastrous results, and the impatient demand for General Thomas to engage General Hood might have caused a less cautious commander to go into battle without the necessary preparations.

That Thomas was not "slow" at Nashville has been proven by official history. General Grant, who was the first to charge it, was also the first to withdraw the imputation by declaring in his official report that at the time he had been very impatient over what appeared as unnecessary delay on the part of Thomas, but that his final defeat of Hood was so complete that it was accepted as a vindication of General Thomas' judgment. Hood's army came northward with a flourish, crossed the Tennessee river at Florence, Alabama, and advanced toward Nashville. General Scofield encountered the enemy at Franklin, seventeen miles south of Nashville, where on November 30 the battle of Franklin was fought, where General Hood attacked the Union troops under General Scofield but was repulsed with great loss.

General Scofield then crossed the Harpeth river and retreated within the defenses of Nashville. Hood, having rallied from his repulse, marched on to Nashville confident of victory and prepared to begin the siege of blockading the Cumberland, but before the work was fairly under way, General Thomas, on December 15th, moved from his works, fell upon Hood's army and routed it, with a loss to the rebels of twenty-five thousand men in killed, wounded and missing. Despite the intense cold, the shattered remnants of Hood's force were pursued to the Tennessee river, where but thirteen thousand of the fifty-five thousand strong who had crossed the river at Florence so hopefully two months before were all that were left of Hood's army.

While in pursuit of Hood the Union troops crossed the Duck river, which was at flood, on the night of December 23, and on the next morning—the day before Christmas—continued their march after the retreating foe, who, under command of the redoubtable Forest, frequently halted to give battle. At Lynnville and at Buford Station sharp engagements took place.

On Christmas day, just before sundown, General Forest, in a fit of desperation, made a stand and by a rapid counter movement drove back the skirmishers of Harrison's brigade and captured one gun, which he succeeded in taking away as the sole trophy of that desperate campaign.

Captain Reed, the subject of this sketch, was through all of that campaign. The winter began early that season and was an unusually severe one for that latitude. During those forty days of marching and fighting the weather became worse and worse—cold and freezing nights followed by days of rain and snow. The country, which was poor and but thinly settled, had been stripped of forage and provisions during the marches of contending armies. The men of both forces suffered terribly, but the cavalry horses fared still worse, and over six thousand of them belonging to the Union army died—exhausted by overwork, famished with hunger or crippled with hoofs falling off from frost and mud. During this campaign rations were often short and sometimes the men had none at all. Upon one occasion Captain Reed paid a quarter for a small ear of corn, which he shared with four

comrades. They parched the corn, eating the grains and making a soup of the pounded cobs.

In the great sleet storm during that campaign, Captain Reed's company was called out at three o'clock many mornings and stood upon the ice-covered ground with very little food all day, fighting the enemy and firing over a hundred rounds each. Captain Reed, then a lieutenant, was the only officer with his company during that campaign and commanded it.

During the winter of 1865 the Twenty-third Corps joined Sherman's army in the Carolinas, and on the 18th of February, while at the head of his company, leading a charge (the senior officer having refused and was court-martialed for cowardice), at Fort Anderson, near Wilmington, North Carolina, Captain Reed fell wounded at the head of his battalion, receiving gunshot wounds in both his limbs below knees. He was in over twenty severe engagements during his term of service and has an army record of which any patriot might well be proud.

Captain H. L. Reed was mustered out of the service with his regiment in June, 1865, and retired to private life. He was married to Miss Jennie M. Wasson, of Ashland, in September, 1867. To this union four children were born, one daughter and three sons, namely: Grace, Horace, William W. and Eugene C. A. Horace and William are in business in Buffalo, New York, and Eugene is in business with his father in Mansfield.

When Captain Reed came to Mansfield in 1865, he went into business with his brother, J. H. Reed, who was conducting a book store at that time. The firm name was J. H. Reed & Brother. This partnership continued until 1875, when the Captain withdrew and went into the wholesale notion business. In 1880 he opened a dry goods establishment and gradually discontinued the wholesale notion trade. Captain Reed's dry goods business grew and increased year after year until he now has the largest establishment of the kind in the county, his several departments now covering over four thousand feet of flooring. On account of his fair dealing and the quality of the goods he handles, the Captain is called "The Old Reliable," and his store is also known by that name.

Captain Reed now owns what was known for ninety years as the Sturges corner, where the first cabin in Mansfield stood, and which is now the most desirable business location in Mansfield and is approximately worth from fifty to sixty thousand dollars. In this large and handsome brick building the Captain conducts his business and the place is known as "Reed's Store."

Captain Reed is a member of the Congregational church of Mansfield and is its senior deacon, having held the office of deacon for thirty years. He is very active both in church and Sunday-school work and has been superintendent of its Sunday-school. He was also a prominent factor in establishing a Sunday-school in John's Addition, the part of the city now called "the north side." This Sunday-school prospered and grew under Mr. Reed's supervision as superintendent for three years or more to such an extent that a church congregation was organized there, a lot was purchased on Buckingham street and a frame church building was erected upon the same for the accommodation of the Sunday-school and the congregation. This church con-

gregation also prospered and grew to such an extent that a larger house of worship was needed, and the old building was removed and a large and handsome brick structure was erected upon its former site, known as the Mayflower church. It is of the Congregational denomination. In all this Captain Reed has been a prominent factor and helpful worker, and too much credit cannot be given him for the good that has been accomplished through his activity in advancing its interests.

The subject of this sketch attended a reunion of the seven children at the old family home a few years ago, at which those present were of the average age of over sixty years.

Captain Reed is a man whose entire course of life has been in every respect honorable, upright and conscientious, and he is justly entitled to the respect and esteem in which he is held. He is one of the solid men of Mansfield and his example is well worthy of emulation. He is a man of excellent business ability, sagacious and far-sighted, systematic and methodical in all he does, and his excellent success is the result of his own well directed efforts, enterprise and perseverance. The Captain is also a well informed man and in manner is genial and friendly.

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#### ELIAS TOOKER.

Elias Tooker, a well-to-do farmer residing on section 26, Weller township, where he owns and operates sixty acres of productive land, was born in Franklin township, this county, November 19, 1838, the son of William and Katherine (Peck) Tooker. Both parents were natives of Pennsylvania, whence they came to Richland county in the early 20s and rented land for a number of years but later bought a place in Franklin township, where our subject was born. On first coming to the county the young couple lived in a log cabin with a clapboard roof, with only the earth for a floor and without doors, an experience which can only be associated with an undeveloped country and pioneer times. They became the parents of twelve children, seven sons and five daughters, namely: Mary, deceased; Hannah, who resides in Franklin township; Sarepta, deceased; Rachel, deceased; William H., a resident of Shelby, Ohio; George, who resides in Mansfield; John, a resident of Michigan; Catherine, deceased; Elias, of this review; Jacob, who resides in Franklin township; James, a resident of Missouri; and Simon, deceased. Both parents died at their home in Franklin township.

Elias Tooker was reared on the home farm in Franklin township and received a good common-school education. He contributed his energies to the work of the farm until he was twenty-one years of age, when he started in life for himself and worked as a farm hand for one year. Following this, he worked for David Bushey in a sawmill for three years, at the expiration of which time he rented a farm and conducted it for the next two years. During the dark days of the Civil War he was drafted into the army and

served for seven months. Following his discharge he returned to Richland county and resumed farming, renting land for the following fourteen years. By economy and self-denial he was at this time able to buy a tract of forty-five acres, which he operated for nine successive years, then sold it and bought his present home place, on which he has since resided continuously.

In 1862 Mr. Tooker was united in marriage to Miss Martha Jane Shoemaker, daughter of Adam and Margaret Mason Shoemaker, and a native of Ashland county, Ohio. Her father was born in Pennsylvania, and her mother in Maryland. They came to this county at an early date and resided here continuously thereafter. Both are now deceased. Eleven children were born of their union. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Tooker have been born one son and one daughter, Margaret, deceased; and Marene, who resides at home. They also have one grandson, Curtis E.

Politically Mr. Tooker casts his ballot with the democratic party and has been elected to minor offices, having served as school director and township supervisor. Religiously, he is a faithful and consistent member of the Baptist church.

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#### THE MASSA FAMILY.

David, Frank and John Massa, brothers, were born in Ottenberg, Germany. The father died in Germany in 1828, and in 1853 the children came to America with their mother. All the Massas who came to America located in Mansfield, Richland county, Ohio. John Massa was born in the year 1832 and was married to Miss Barbara Shafer in 1856. The Shafer family came from Darmstadt, Germany, in 1850, when their daughter Barbara was twelve years old. They also settled in Mansfield.

Mr. and Mrs. John Massa became the parents of eleven children, namely: George, Mrs. Valentine Green, John, Jr., Theresa, Edward, Anna, Barbara, Mrs. Charles Wagner, Mrs. Lewis Zollers, Joseph and Albert. Of the foregoing, John, Jr., Theresa, Edward and Joseph are deceased. Mrs. Green resides in Pittsburg and the others at Mansfield. John Massa, the father of the above named children, died in 1889. George and Albert Massa are married and the latter was a soldier in the Spanish-American war. The children of the three Massa brothers who came from Germany to America all reside in Richland county with the exception of two. The Massas were and are industrious and respectable people and good citizens. They have worked hard, accomplished much and accumulated property.

Miss Anna Massa, the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Massa, has attained an enviable reputation as a singer. She was educated in the local parochial school and her talent for music was noted when she was yet a child. After graduating from our local schools Miss Massa went to Chicago and took instructions in music and voice culture from the best teachers in that city. Later she pursued her studies in the east. Returning to Chicago, she became a soloist in one of the leading and most fashionable churches of

that city. Upon her return to Mansfield she became the soloist and leading soprano of the Presbyterian church choir for a number of years. She has also done concert work and is in demand for funeral singing and for public entertainments. Miss Massa is blessed with a voice of wonderful power and great sweetness. She has a fine stage presence, which, combined with her exquisite and finely cultured voice, makes her much sought as a singer. Being of domestic tastes, however, she prefers a home with her widowed mother to a career upon the stage.

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#### THERON INK.

Theron Ink, successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising on section 34, Troy township, was born in Tompkins county, New York, September 8, 1852. His parents were Charles and Mary (McCoy) Ink, the father born in Tompkins county, New York, in 1835, and the mother also a native of the same county. The latter is still living in the Empire state at the age of seventy-seven years, but Charles Ink passed away in the county of his nativity in 1860. Our subject has but one sister, Louisa, the wife of Lewis Martin, of New York.

Theron Ink was reared on a farm in New York and when sixteen years of age removed to Morrow county, Ohio, with an uncle, for whom he had agreed to work until he was twenty-one years old. In 1869 they came to Richland county, the uncle purchasing and locating on a tract of land of one hundred and twenty acres, which is now a part of Mr. Ink's farm. When the latter had attained his majority he went to Rochester, New York, there pursuing a six months' course in bookkeeping in Williams International Commercial College. Subsequently he taught school in the Empire state for a year and then returned to Ohio, locating at Pulaskiville, Morrow county, where he kept books in a general store for one year. Believing that the close confinement incidental to office work was detrimental to his health, he gave up his position in 1875 and rented his uncle's farm, being thus engaged in its operation until the latter's death in 1892. He then purchased the place of one hundred and twenty acres, erected a fine residence thereon and altogether has a model farming property, equipped with all modern improvements and accessories. He has added to his original purchase until the place now compromises two hundred acres and in addition to the work of general farming also carries on stock-raising, having a fine herd of thoroughbred shorthorn cattle and likewise feeding hogs and sheep. The splendid measure of success which has crowned his efforts is entirely the result of his own well-directed labor and excellent business ability, and he is now numbered among the substantial and progressive agriculturists of the community.

On the 1st of January, 1879, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Ink and Miss Martha E. Maxwell, whose birth occurred in Troy township, Richland county, November 23, 1858. Her parents were George and Elizabeth (Cockley) Maxwell, the former born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania,

April 29, 1820, and the latter in Pennsylvania on the 31st of May, 1824. George Maxwell was reared in the Keystone state and when twenty-one years of age made his way on foot to Troy township, Richland county, Ohio, being here employed at farm labor and also at the carpenter's trade. He was married in 1845, and purchased forty acres of land, which he improved, also carrying on stock-raising in connection with his farming interests. He met with a gratifying measure of success in his undertakings, being at one time the owner of six hundred acres of rich and valuable land. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party, and he was called to his final rest in 1885, his demise occurring in Lexington. Mrs. Maxwell accompanied her parents on their removal to Troy township in 1838, the journey being made from Pennsylvania by wagon. She passed away on the 28th of October, 1893, in the faith of the United Brethren church. Her family numbered eleven children: W. S., a retired capitalist living at Woodstock, Kansas; H. P., who is engaged in merchandising at Lexington; D. C., an agriculturist of Troy township; Mrs. Jennie D. Shauck, of Mansfield, Ohio; Mrs. Ink; G. P., a medical practitioner, of Sandusky, Ohio; and James A., Sarah D., Joseph, Margaret and Anna, all of whom are deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ink have been born seven children, namely: Ethel G., born January 3, 1880, who is the wife of H. H. Born, of Mansfield, Ohio; Walter D., born March 6, 1883, who married Miss Ada Finney and resides in Mansfield, Ohio; Charles Kyle, whose birth occurred January 16, 1885; George K., born February 8, 1889; Ira M., whose natal day was April 1, 1893; Vivian D., born May 1, 1899; and Thelma L., whose birth occurred April 9, 1891.

Mr. Ink gives his political allegiance to the democracy where national questions and issues are involved, but at local elections casts an independent ballot. Both he and his wife are members of the United Brethren church, and throughout the long period of their residence here have gained an extensive circle of warm friends, who esteem them highly for their many excellent traits of character.

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#### WILLIAM H. ELSTON.

William H. Elston, who is engaged in the tailoring business, having thus been an active factor in the commercial circles of Bellville for many years, was born in Litchfield, England, August 11, 1829. His father, William Elston, was a native of Noblesville, England, and later resided in Birmingham, where he followed shoemaking until after his wife's death. He married Ann Osborn, a native of Litchfield, England, who died in Birmingham, when about thirty-five years of age. She was a consistent member of the Congregational church and an earnest Christian woman. In 1836 the father came with his family to America, locating in Lowell, Massachusetts, where he engaged in the manufacture of shoes and also conducted a shoe store until 1854, when he came to Bellville, where he followed the same business until his death, which occurred in 1877. He was an active member of the Presbyterian

church and for many years served as its chorister. He had three children, but Anna, the firstborn, died in infancy. Mary, who passed away four years ago at Shirley, Massachusetts, was a preacher and elder in the Shaker church at that place for sixty years.

William H. Elston, the other member of the family, went to live with an uncle in England at the time of his mother's death, but when ten years of age he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, joining his father in Lowell, Massachusetts. He made the voyage on the ship Concordia, which arrived in Boston in July, 1838. For a few months he resided with his father and then went to Providencetown, Massachusetts, where he lived with a merchant tailor, under whose direction he learned the trade, making his home there until his marriage, with the exception of the time spent on the sea. He made two voyages as ship keeper on whaling vessels and was afterward in the navy as seaman and commodore's cockswain for three years and ten months. His experience on the sea covered a period of about eleven years. When only eighteen years of age he was made the second mate and when on a trip to the West Indies the entire crew, with the exception of Mr. Elston and one seaman, died of yellow fever. Our subject then secured a crew of colored men and brought the ship safely back to Boston. He twice experienced shipwreck on the coast near Boston.

At length he abandoned life on the ocean wave and accepted a position as cutter in a large tailoring establishment in Boston, where he remained until July, 1856, when he arrived at Bellville to visit his father. Being greatly pleased with the country and its prospects Mr. Elson determined to locate here and began working at the trade in the employ of a Mr. Moore. About a year later he entered into partnership with his employer, conducting a clothing store and merchant tailoring establishment. Two or three years later he purchased his partner's interest in the store and carried on the business for many years, having the leading establishment of the kind in the town until about twenty-two years ago, when he sold out. He has since carried on a tailoring business and his excellent workmanship and honorable business methods have secured him a liberal patronage and brought him a richly merited measure of prosperity.

On the 7th of April, 1852, Mr. Elston was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth L. Alexander, of Providencetown, Massachusetts. She died November 28, 1898, respected by all who knew her and greatly beloved by her family and many friends. She left three children: Lizzie, the widow of Benton Garber, of Bellville; Nellie G., the wife of Dr. J. B. Lewis, of Bucyrus, Ohio; and William Blake, a merchant tailor, of Peoria, Illinois.

Mr. Elston has always given his political allegiance to the republican party. He is now serving as noble grand of Bellville Lodge, No. 303, I. O. O. F., and was a member of the Encampment for fifty-two years. He was made a Mason at Mansfield in 1857 and belongs to Bellville Lodge, No. 376, F. & A. M., and since 1858 has been a member of Clinton Commandery, K. T., at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He has been identified with the Methodist Episcopal church for fifty-two years and has served as recording steward for twenty-eight years, doing everything in his power to extend the growth and influence

of the denomination. His career as a sailor was in many respects a most remarkable one and his business record, now covering more than a half century's connection with the tailoring industry at Bellville, is one of which he has every reason to be proud. Although he has passed the psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, he is still to some extent an active factor in business and enjoys the warm regard and esteem of all with whom he has been associated throughout his long and eventful career.

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#### ROBERT GRIBBEN.

A well developed and highly improved farm of one hundred and sixty-seven acres, situated on section 12, Plymouth township, is the property of Robert Gribben, which is known as the old Gribben homestead. He was born in Plymouth, Richland county, September 24, 1833, a son of Isaac and Mary (Ralston) Gribben, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in Chester county, in 1796, while the latter was born in Washington county in 1802. Mrs. Gribben was a daughter of Robert Ralston, who served in the war of 1812 and came to Richland county in 1815. He and his wife lived to be over eighty-six years of age. They were the parents of ten children, five sons and five daughters, and with the exception of three, all lived to be over eighty-four, while the three were over seventy-three years of age at the time of their deaths.

Isaac Gribben, the father of our subject, came to Richland county from the Keystone state in 1823, and became a resident of Plymouth township in 1829, settling in 1834 on the farm which is now the home of our subject. It was at that time all wild and unimproved, but he at once set to work to clear the land, and in due course of time placed it under a high state of cultivation. His entire life was devoted to farm work. Both the parents are now deceased, the father having passed away on this farm in 1880, while the mother survived for about eight years, her death occurring in 1888. Their family numbered four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: John, who died at the age of two years; Almira Jane, who died in 1875; Mary, who died when young; and Robert, of this review.

Robert Gribben, the second youngest and only surviving member of his father's family, was but one year of age at the time of the parents' removal to his present farm. He was early trained to the duties of farm labor, assisting his father in the development and improvement of the home place, and in the cultivation of crops throughout the period of his boyhood and youth. During the winter seasons, when not busy on the home farm, he pursued his studies in the district schools near his father's home. He is now the owner of this valuable property of one hundred and sixty-seven acres, located on section 12, Plymouth township, which is improved with good buildings. Everything about the place has a neat and thrifty appearance. Mr. Gribben is engaged in general farming and his labors are attended with excellent success.



MR. AND MRS. ISAAC GRIBBEN.





MR. AND MRS. ROBERT GRIBBEN



In 1890 he was united in marriage to Miss Martha E. Shutt, who was born in Holmes county, Ohio, a daughter of John and Susan (Bell) Shutt. The father was born in Maryland, while the mother claimed Pennsylvania as the place of her birth. They were married in the former state, after which they made their way to Holmes county, Ohio, the year 1833 witnessing their arrival there. There the father engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1865. The family removed to Richland county in the fall of 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Shutt had five sons and six daughters, of whom nine reached years of maturity.

Mr. Gribben's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give stalwart support to the democratic party. He has never been active as an office seeker, however, preferring to give his time and attention to his private business affairs. He finds his greatest social enjoyment at his own fireside, where his wife and intimate friends know him to be a delightful companion. He has now passed the seventy-fifth milestone of life's journey, his entire life having been passed in Richland county, so that few men have more intimate knowledge of its history or of events which have left their impress upon its annals.

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#### WILLIAM L. LEONARD.

William L. Leonard, occupying an enviable position in business circles in Mansfield, was born at Mason, Warren county, Ohio, April 16, 1854. The family is descended from old colonial New England stock. John Leonard emigrated from Addison county, Vermont, to Warren county, Ohio, in the last years of the eighteenth century and purchased land of the government. His sons were Lucas, Joshua and John, and the first named was the grandfather of William L. Leonard of this review and the father of Francis and William Leonard, late of Warren county, Ohio. Lucas Leonard was united in marriage to Maria Mason, a daughter of Major William Mason, the founder of the village which bears his name. He is mentioned prominently in Howe's History of Ohio.

Francis Leonard, father of William L. Leonard, was a substantial farmer and a man of great energy and force of character. He died in 1865. His sons are: W. L. Leonard, of Mansfield; Dr. W. W. Leonard, of Akron, Ohio; and Commander J. C. Leonard, of the United States navy. Another son, Charles, died in early manhood.

William L. Leonard was educated in the schools of his native county and when still quite young went to Cincinnati to complete his education in a business college. On the 1st of January, 1876, he arrived in Mansfield and has since been one of the best known residents of the city. He was first connected with the passenger business of the Erie Railroad, and later he became a partner in the firm of Mills & Ellsworth, shaft manufacturers. When this enterprise had grown to large proportions, a stock company was formed, and for two years Mr. Leonard filled the office of its president. He

is still a director and a large stockholder in this prosperous company, which has become one of the important productive industries of the city.

In addition to Mr. Leonard's present interests in manufacturing, he is also engaged in the real-estate business, being the senior member of the well-known real-estate firm of Leonard & Bowers. Personally he owns considerable real estate in Mansfield and during his long residence in this city has always been an alive, energetic and up-to-date business man. While promoting individual affairs he has never been neglectful of his duties of citizenship and has cooperated in many movements for the general good. While he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, nor has he desired positions of political preferment, he was nevertheless elected to serve for two terms in the city council and has always been a champion of those measures and movements which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

In 1877 occurred the marriage of Mr. Leonard and Miss Etta Taylor, a daughter of Johnston Taylor, one of Mansfield's pioneer residents. Mr. Leonard has one son, Wellington T. Leonard, the well-known newspaper man, and one grandson, Wellington Calvin Leonard.

Mansfield has been helpful to Mr. Leonard, for he has here prospered and acquired wealth, since he cast his lot with her people, and in reciprocation he has been equally helpful to Mansfield, doing much to promote the city's growth and improvement in various ways.

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#### ARCHIBALD PURDY.

Archibald Purdy is numbered among the successful and enterprising farmers of Madison township, and he is now engaged in the operation of the McElroy farm, comprising two hundred and twenty acres, having made his home on this place since 1907. He is a native son of Richland county, his birth having occurred on a farm in Springfield township, January 24, 1855. His parents were James and Mary (Barr) Purdy, the former born in Springfield township, where he engaged in farming throughout his entire life, his death occurring in 1861. The mother was also born in Richland county and was a representative of an old and prominent pioneer family here. She died in 1904, at the advanced age of seventy-six years. Their family numbered five children, two sons and three daughters, as follows: Archibald, of this review; Ina, the widow of Frank Richie; James, who follows farming in Washington township, this county; Ella, who has passed away; and Maggie, who died at the age of sixteen years.

Archibald Purdy, whose name introduces this record, was reared on the home farm and acquired his education in the district schools of Springfield township and in the Savannah high school. He was thus provided with good educational advantages and was fitted for teaching, having been granted a teacher's certificate, but as this pursuit was not congenial to him, he never followed the profession. Instead he engaged in the work to which he had been reared and eventually became the owner of a good tract of

land in Washington township, which he disposed of in 1907, and is now waiting until he finds a satisfactory place to invest his capital. In 1907 he took up his abode on the McElroy farm, consisting of two hundred and twenty acres, on which stands one of the best farm residences in Richland county. There are also good barns and other outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock and Mr. Purdy is here giving his time to general farming and stock-raising, in which he is meeting with gratifying success.

In 1879 occurred the marriage of Mr. Purdy and Miss Ollie Norrick, who died three years later. In 1885 he was again married, his second union being with Sarah M. Baker, by whom he has three children: Clara, the wife of Emil Zimmerman, a mechanic of Mansfield; Garfield and Lola B., at home.

Mr. Purdy gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party, and his wife and daughters are members of the Christian church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest. Having spent his entire life in Richland county, Mr. Purdy has a very wide and favorable acquaintance, while his honorable business methods ever command for him the high regard of all with whom he comes in contact.

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#### J. F. FRENGEL.

J. F. Frengel, who for the past twenty-three years has been treasurer of Sandusky township, is one of the worthy sons that Germany has furnished to Richland county. He is now owning and operating one hundred acres of valuable land, situated in Section 11, Sandusky township. As stated, he was born in Germany, November 9, 1830, a son of Frederick and Fredrica Frengel, and there the father spent his entire life, passing away many years ago.

Following the father's demise the mother emigrated to the United States in 1837, the son being at that time a little lad of seven years. Upon reaching American shores, they proceeded on their way to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where they made their home for seventeen years. The mother died in Richland county in 1893. Believing that the new and growing west offered a wider field for the scope of his labors, Mr. Frengel, then a young man of twenty-four years, made his way to Crawford county, Ohio, where he worked at the tinner's trade. Subsequently he came to Richland county, opening a tin shop in Crestline, which he conducted during the succeeding three years. This business not proving congenial to him and believing that agriculture offered better opportunities, he then purchased fifty acres of land, which constitutes a portion of his present farm of one hundred acres, situated on section 11, Sandusky township. This tract was unimproved when it came into his possession but he at once began its further development and improvement by dividing the land into fields of convenient size by well-kept fences, erecting a house, barn and other outbuildings, and today it is one of the valuable properties of Sandusky township. He gives his time and attention to

general farming, following only the most modern methods of agriculture and using the latest improved machinery to facilitate his labors.

It was soon after his arrival in Richland county that he was married to Miss Lavona Mansfield, their wedding being celebrated in 1855. Mrs. Frengel was born in Richland county and was one of a family of six children, whose parents are now deceased. By her marriage she has become the mother of six children, of whom Harriet, Laura and Otto are deceased. Those living are: Justis M., of Richland county; Mary L., the wife of Edward Adams, of Akron, Ohio; and Eva, the wife of F. W. Miller, of Crawford county, this state.

Mr. Frengel gives his political support to the men and measures of the democracy and for the past twenty-three years has served in the office of township treasurer. His efficiency and capability are evidenced by his long retention in this important position. He has also served as a member of the school board. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. Though born across the water he has spent almost his entire life in this country, much of which has been passed in Richland county, so that he has thoroughly allied himself with its interests. He is a public-spirited citizen, one in whom his fellowmen have confidence, and no man of this section of the state stands higher in the estimation of the people.

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#### Z. TAYLOR AU.

For twenty-seven years Z. Taylor Au has resided upon the farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres in Madison township which is now his home. He was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, March 7, 1848, his parents being Jacob and Margaret Ann (Hoch) Au, who were also natives of the Keystone state. His father came to this county in 1840, walking the entire distance from Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, to Richland county, Ohio. After remaining here for only a year he returned to Pennsylvania, where he continued until 1855, when they again came to Richland county, here purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land in Mifflin township, which he at once began to cultivate and improve, transforming it into productive fields. He lived a life of activity and energy and although he was in straightened financial circumstances in early life, as the years passed he became the possessor of a handsome competence. He was married in 1847 and unto him and his wife were born nine children: Z. Taylor, whose name introduces this record; Malissa J., deceased; Mary A., the wife of Washington McBride, of Richland county; Henry G., who has also departed this life; Marenda Z. and Willard S., also deceased; Manetta C., the wife of William Case, of Richland county; Ulysses G., who has also passed away; and Jacob S., also of Richland county. The father died November 26, 1899, while the mother passed away February 4, 1884.

Z. Taylor Au was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, acquiring his education through the medium of the public schools, while under his father's direction he became familiar with the best methods of tilling the

soil and cultivating the crops. He worked for his father until twenty-two years of age, after which he rented a farm in Washington township for eight years and successfully cultivated it during that period. Afterward, on account of illness, he lived retired for three years and then resuming active agricultural pursuits, in 1882 he purchased the farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres on section 24, Madison township, on which he is still living. He has brought this under a high state of cultivation and added to it many modern equipments and accessories, making it one of the excellent farm properties of the locality.

Mr. Au was married first to Miss Eva Logan, a native of Maryland. For his second wife he chose Miss Ellen Fleck, who was born in Richland county and died in 1890. His present wife bore the maiden name of Anna Cunning and is a native of Ashland county, Ohio. Mr. Au belongs to the Grange and gives his political allegiance to the republican party.

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#### J. J. FISHER.

A well improved farm of eighty acres, situated on section 33, Jefferson township, is the home of J. J. Fisher, who is numbered among the enterprising and energetic farmers of Richland county. He is a native son of Ohio, his birth having occurred at Farmertown, Holmes county, December 31, 1862. He is a son of Jacob and Julina (Deal) Fisher, the former born in Holmes county, and the latter in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. The Fisher family was a prominent one in Holmes county, the paternal grandfather having been one of the first county commissioners, serving in that capacity for six years, while the father of our subject also filled the office for a similar period and acted as township treasurer for eighteen years. Both the parents of our subject died in Holmes county, the mother's death occurring in 1874, while the father passed away in 1899. Their family numbered ten children, of whom seven are living, but J. J. of this review is the only one residing in Richland county.

J. J. Fisher was given a good common-school education and at the age of nineteen years he began teaching, following that vocation for seven years. He remained at home until twenty-six years of age and then began farming in Holmes county. He later made his way to Richland county, arriving here in the fall of 1889. In 1894 he purchased eighty acres of land on section 33, Jefferson township, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and has also made many improvements thereon. In the near future he expects to give his attention more especially to dairying.

In 1893 Mr. Fisher was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Evarts, of Richland county, and their union has been blessed with two sons and a daughter, namely: Maurice E., who was born in 1894; Julina A., whose birth occurred in 1895; and Rollin A., who was born in 1896. All are still under the parental roof.

Mr. Fisher's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give stalwart aid to the democratic party. He served as township assessor for three years and is now filling his first term as trustee, while for three years he served as a member of the school board. He and his wife are members of the English Lutheran church, while his fraternal relations are with Casca Lodge, No. 382, K. P., at Bellville, in which he passed through all the different chairs. He is also identified with Bellville Grange.

His unbending integrity and his fearlessness in the discharge of the duties that rest upon him are such as to make him a most acceptable incumbent in the office which he is now filling, and his high moral worth is a widely acknowledged fact.

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#### I. N. THOMPSON.

In the front rank of the columns which have advanced the civilization of Richland county, I. N. Thompson has led the way to the substantial development, progress and upbuilding of this section of the state, being particularly active in the agricultural life of Monroe township, where he still makes his home. He is today numbered among its old settlers, having now passed the seventy-first milestone on the journey of life, for he was born December 18, 1837, in Monroe township, a son of William and Margaret (Raitt) Thompson.

The father was a native of Adams county, Pennsylvania, born March 20, 1793. He was reared there to the age of eighteen years, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Belmont county, Ohio, where he attained his majority. He was then united in marriage to Miss Margaret Raitt, who was born in Scotland and was brought to America when but two years of age by her parents, David and Lilis Raitt. They located on a farm situated on the Belmont-Guernsey county line, where the daughter was reared and gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Thompson. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson began their domestic life upon a farm in Richland county, he having purchased a quarter section, which now constitutes the Amos Hunter farm. This was all wild and unimproved when it came into his possession, but with characteristic energy Mr. Thompson at once began to cut down the trees and grub out the stumps and in due course of time had the land placed under the plow. As time passed and he prospered in his undertakings he added to his original holdings until he became an extensive landholder both in Ashland and Richland counties but spent his remaining days on his farm in Monroe township. He served as a member of the war of 1812. In early life he gave his political support to the democracy but later, becoming convinced that its principles did not promote the best interests of the country, he allied himself with the freesoil party, with which he was identified until the formation of the new republican party, when he joined its ranks. He was a strong anti-slavery man and did everything in his power to promote the public good. He was a member of the United Presbyterian

church, in which he took an active and helpful interest, serving as an elder and a trustee for a long period. He was throughout a long period identified with the agricultural life of Monroe township and also conducted a sawmill at an early day. He was a man of indefatigable energy, strong determination and excellent executive ability, while at the same time he commanded the unqualified respect of his fellowmen, so that at his death, which occurred October 13, 1877, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-four years, the community mourned the loss of one of its valued citizens. In his family were eleven children, all of whom reached mature years, but only two of the number are now living. Maria makes her home with her brother, I. N. Thompson, whose name introduces this record.

I. N. Thompson acquired his early education in the common schools, this being supplemented by a course of study in Monroe Seminary, while he was also a student in a private seminary, conducted in Lucas by Professor Strickler. At the age of eighteen years, having completed his own education, he engaged in teaching, following that profession during the winter months, while in the summer seasons he worked on the home farm, to the duties of which he had been trained from his early youth. After the inauguration of the Civil war, the patriotic spirit of Mr. Thompson being aroused, he responded to his country's call for aid and joined the boys in blue, becoming a member of Company E, Sixty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted on the 15th of October, 1861, and at once went with his regiment to the south, where he took part in the siege at Corinth, the battles of Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Pulaski and Columbia and was also in the memorable Franklin and Nashville campaign, when General Thomas with his forces routed Hood's army, with a loss of twenty thousand to the enemy. During the fight, which lasted forty days, the weather was very severe, there being much rain and snow during that period. The country was sparsely settled and had been stripped of provisions by the armies and much of the time the rations were very meager and oftentimes none were available. The army thus suffered intensely from cold and hunger. However, Mr. Thompson proved a brave and valiant soldier and after three years' of faithful service was mustered out at Nashville on the 10th of December, 1864, having made a most creditable military record.

Mr. Thompson at once returned to his home in Richland county and in 1865 was married to Miss Alice Welsh, who was born in the parish of Abing-ton, County Limerick, Ireland, August 15, 1843. Her father died in that country, and in 1849 her mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary Dundon, came with her family to the new world, the daughter being at that time but six years of age. She was a Catholic in religious faith. However, after the daughter entered the district schools she was presented by a friend with a Protestant Bible, to which she gave close study. On account of the dissension which arose when the daughter made known her intention to become a member of the Baptist church, she then left home, being at that time a little maiden of twelve years. She went to live in the home of William Peterson and later Solomon Gladdens, with whom she remained until the time of her marriage.

Following his marriage Mr. Thompson located on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, situated in Washington township, which he had purchased prior to his enlistment in the Civil War. He was engaged in general farming for three years, after which he removed to Perryville and engaged in the grocery business, being thus occupied for some time. Upon disposing of his grocery business he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, which he followed until 1892. He was made a life member of the Ohio State Undertaker & Embalming Association, and by that organization was sent as a delegate to various sections of the United States and after retiring from business represented the United States in the International Convention, held at Toronto, Canada. Upon his retirement from the furniture and undertaking business he removed to his present farm, situated on section 30, Monroe township, which comprises one hundred and fourteen acres, and where, with the exception of two years spent in Georgia for the benefit of his health, he has since made his home. In addition to his home farm he also owns two houses and lots near Mansfield, from which he derives a good rental. He has led a busy, active and useful life and his labors have been crowned with success, so that today he can live in ease, enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

Mr. Thompson's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give stalwart support to the republican party. He has served as a delegate to numerous county conventions but has never been active as an office seeker, preferring to do his duty as a private citizen. Both he and his wife are devoted and active members of the Baptist church, of which he has served as deacon for several years. He is also a member of the Ohio State Baptist Convention, and his wife is one of the two remaining charter members of the Perryville Baptist church. His fraternal relations are with Perryville Lodge, No. 558, Royal Arcanum, in which he has filled all of the chairs, while for several years he served as a state officer of that organization. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have had no children of their own but out of the goodness of their hearts have reared and educated several orphans.

Personally Mr. Thompson is quiet and unassuming in manner, refusing political preferment and avoiding publicity. He deserves great credit for what he has accomplished in life, for starting out empty-handed, he has through his own energy and well-directed labors accumulated a handsome property and today he and his estimable wife are enjoying in retirement the accumulations of profitable, successful and honorable careers.

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#### JAMES M. BLAIR.

James M. Blair, residing in Lexington, was born in Middlebury township, Knox county, Ohio, August 24, 1842, his parents being Peter L. and Mary Warden (Martin) Blair, the former born in Sussex county, New Jersey, June 8, 1816, and the latter in Mount Vernon, Knox county, Ohio, November 5, 1819. In 1825, the father accompanied his parents, James and Mary (Lane) Blair, on their removal from his native county to Knox county,

Ohio. The grandfather was also a native of New Jersey and of Scotch descent. In early life he engaged in school teaching and continued to follow that vocation for several years. Later he turned his attention to the millwright's and miller's trade, building a saw and grist mill in Sussex county, New Jersey, and he subsequently erected two mills on the Big Miami river near Cincinnati, Ohio. He also built two mills at Chester, Knox county, and two in Middlebury township, the same county. From there he went to Schuyler county, Missouri, where he built two mills and later in life erected a mill at Harrisonville, Cass county, Missouri, where he died in his ninety-seventh year. His wife had passed the century mark when called to her final rest.

On the removal of the Blair family to Knox county, Ohio, they established their home in Mount Vernon, where Peter L. Blair was reared. In 1849 he removed to Lexington, where he purchased two grocery stores, and for the last sixteen years of his life also conducted a drug store. His death occurred at that place June 28, 1866. On the 13th of January, 1841, he had married Mary Warden Martin, who died on the 2d of October, 1864. Her parents were James M. and Ruhama (Warden) Martin. Her father was born in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, 1793, and was called to his final rest in 1885. He was a soldier of the war of 1812 and assisted in building the block-house near Mansfield.

James M. Blair is one of a family of three children, the others being Annie R., deceased, and Samuel W., who was born September 27, 1848, and was accidentally killed in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1885. During the progress of hostilities between the North and the South James M. Blair was attending school at Lexington, but he ran away and went to Columbus, Ohio, where he enlisted on the 29th of May, 1862, as a member of Company B, Eighty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry for three months' service. He was captured at Harper's Ferry, but was afterward paroled and discharged at Camp Delaware October 1, 1862. He then returned home, but subsequently reenlisted, becoming a member of Company B, One Hundred and Sixty-third National Guards. He enlisted five different times, and during the latter part of the war was a corporal in the signal service and topography corps and was on detached duty. He was finally discharged at Camp Chase September 10, 1864, and returned to his home in Lexington.

On taking up the pursuits of civil life Mr. Blair entered his father's store, and subsequently established a factory for the manufacture of Venetian window shades. In connection with the conduct of this enterprise he also assisted his father in the drug store, and afterward took up painting, which he followed for a number of years. He still makes his home in Lexington, where he is now engaged in the real-estate business, and he is well known and highly esteemed as a substantial, enterprising and most public-spirited citizen.

On the 14th of January, 1865, Mr. Blair was united in marriage to Miss Amanda M. King, who was born near Shelby, April 26, 1842. Her parents were Samuel and Permelia (Cortright) King. The former was born in Pennsylvania December 20, 1808, and died November 14, 1874, while his wife passed away March 29, 1861. They were the parents of five children: Davidson, a member of the Sixth Ohio Battery during the Civil war;

Mrs. Blair, John M., Henry M. and Abraham C. All are now deceased with the exception of Mrs. Blair.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born six children: Samuel K., born in 1867, married Nellie Oatman, and resides in Newark, Licking county, Ohio; Gertrude B. is the wife of L. C. Stillwell, of Mount Vernon, who served as prosecuting attorney in Knox county for two terms and is now engaged in private practice; DeWitt Clinton is deceased; Melville C. married Mabel Lucille Maxwell and resides in Mount Vernon; Winifred is a teacher in the Lexington schools; and Mary is the wife of L. C. Benedict, D. D. S., of Mansfield.

Mr. Blair is independent in his political views, voting for the man whom he believes best qualified for office regardless of party affiliation. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to many positions of public trust and responsibility. He has served as township clerk and was justice of the peace for six years, his decisions ever being strictly fair and impartial. During the three terms of his incumbency as mayor of the village he instituted many reforms and improvements that have proven of practical value and have materially advanced the general welfare. He was formerly a member of Conger Post, G. A. R., at Lexington, but later transferred his membership to McLaughlin Post at Mansfield. In the field of political life and commercial activity he has won distinction and today is numbered among the leading, influential and honored citizens of Lexington, where he has made his home for more than half a century.

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#### ALFRED WILSON.

Alfred Wilson, a representative of farming interests of Springfield township, was born in England on the 4th of September, 1839. In that country his parents spent their entire lives, and Alfred Wilson remained there until about eighteen years of age, when, in 1857, he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, induced to this step by the favorable reports he had heard concerning America and her opportunities. The following year he arrived in Richland county. He was one of seven children, four of whom are now living. His brother Henry C. is now living in Oklahoma, while Charles and his sister are residents of England.

After arriving in this country Alfred Wilson worked at farm labor until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when, his patriotic spirit being aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the Union, he joined the army as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served for three years and was in a number of hotly contested engagements. At Fort Gibson he was wounded in the right arm and still carries the ball in his shoulder. He was always faithful and loyal to the military service assigned him, whether it called him to the lonely picket line or stationed him in the face of danger on the firing line.

When the war was over Mr. Wilson returned to Ohio and began farming on his own account on rented land, thus beginning the cultivation of the place upon which he now resides. Later he purchased the property, becoming owner of ninety-six acres on section 6, Springfield township. This he improved and as the years have passed he has converted it into an excellent farm, its well kept appearance indicating his careful supervision and practical methods.

In 1865 Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Nazor, who was born in Ontario, this county, in 1841, her parents having come from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Wilson was one of a family of eight children and by her marriage has become the mother of two daughters and four sons: Annie G., the wife of Wesley Taylor, of this county; Samuel H., who is living in Morrow county, Ohio; Charles M., a resident of Crawford county; Jennie M., the wife of Frank Wentz, of this county; William A., deceased; and Lee Byrd, who is married and resides at home.

The parents are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church and attend its services. Politically Mr. Wilson is a republican and has served as school director for several years, but otherwise has never sought nor desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, in which he has met with signal success. No native-born citizen of America was more loyal to the stars and stripes than Mr. Wilson, who, proving his fidelity during the dark days of the Civil war and in the days of peace, has been numbered among those who have stood for progress and improvement along all lines proving of benefit to the community.

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#### CAPTAIN ABRAHAM CAHILL CUMMINS.

Captain Abraham Cahill Cummins, son of William and Jane (Cahill) Cummins, was born October 29, 1836, on a farm near Shelby, Richland county, Ohio. His paternal grandfather, David Cummins, was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, in 1782, and emigrated with his parents to Franklin county, Pennsylvania, in 1790, where he grew to manhood. He removed with his family to Richland county, Ohio, in 1817, when the father of our subject was eight years old, and here the latter grew to manhood and passed the greater portion of his life, filling many positions of honor and trust.

At the age of sixteen Abraham Cahill Cummins matriculated at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, and graduated therefrom in the class of 1858. He immediately came to Mansfield and entered the law office of Ex-Governor T. W. Bartley as a student, being admitted to the practice of law in 1860. Subsequently he entered into a partnership with his preceptor, which continued until the outbreak of the Civil War.

On the night of the 17th of April, 1861, a meeting was held by the citizens of Shelby to raise troops to respond to President Lincoln's first call. This was one of the first war meetings held in Ohio, and was presided over by William Cummins, father of the subject of this sketch. The meeting did not adjourn until a full company was enrolled, and on the following day—April

18, 1861—the company proceeded to Columbus and reported for duty. The officers of the company were: Abraham C. Cummins, captain; Tilman H. Wiggins, first lieutenant, and Henry B. Gaylord, second lieutenant. This was the second company that left Richland county for the war, and was composed of the very best young men from Shelby and vicinity, and was afterward known as Company D, Fifteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. It saw service in West Virginia until the following August, when, its time having expired, it was mustered out of service August 29, 1861.

In September, 1861, Captain Cummins and others recruited a company for three years' service under President Lincoln's second call for three hundred thousand troops. The officers of this company were: Abraham C. Cummins, captain; Andrew M. Burns, first lieutenant, and George W. Cummins (a brother of the captain), second lieutenant. This company became Company I, Fifteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and veteranized and remained in the service until the close of the war. Captain Cummins resigned from this company in the latter part of April, 1862, and returned home, but shortly thereafter he recruited a company for three months' service, of which he was commissioned captain. His first lieutenant was Homer C. Ayres and his second lieutenant was James Smith. This company was known as Company H, Eighty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and did garrison duty largely at Cumberland, Maryland, and at the expiration of its term of service was mustered out at Camp Delaware, Ohio, after which Captain Cummins was appointed adjutant of Camp Mansfield, a camp then used as a rendezvous for men who were drafted into the United States service. Charles T. Sherman was colonel commanding this camp. After the closing of Camp Mansfield Captain Cummins served for a time with Major Hoyt Sherman, paymaster U. S. A., and later became connected with a military commission which was appointed to adjust the pay of the Home Guards of Missouri, who did loyal service for the Union without going through the formality of being mustered into the United States service. At the close of the work of this commission Captain Cummins was appointed chief clerk to the depot quartermaster at Little Rock, Arkansas. He afterward became chief clerk to the quartermaster of the Seventh Army Corps and the Department of Arkansas, which position he held until the close of the war.

In 1869 Captain Cummins was elected mayor of Mansfield and served one term. In 1871 he was elected trustee of the Mansfield water works, and was reelected for seven continuous terms, filling the office from 1871 to 1893. In 1897 he was appointed by Hon. Huntington Brown, mayor of Mansfield, a member of the board to build a sewage disposal works and a crematory to dispose of the garbage of the city, and was reappointed and served on this board until the present municipal code went into effect. Captain Cummins is a charter member of McLaughlin Post, G. A. R., and has upon several occasions been its delegate at department and national encampments, and has served two terms as commander of his post. He is a member of the organization of the survivors of the Fifteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and has twice been honored as its president, which office he is

filling the present year. He was trustee and secretary of the board that built the memorial building and opera house, and continued as such for several years after its erection. He was a delegate to the national convention that met in St. Louis, Missouri, and nominated Grover Cleveland for the presidency. In 1876 he was a candidate for congress and was the unanimous choice of his county, but, after a hundred and fifty ballots, was beaten by a few votes in a congressional district where his election would have been assured. In all, Captain Cummins has officially served his adopted city in various positions for a third of a century, which shows the confidence and esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens.

Captain Cummins was a member of the board of commissioners from Ohio at the Columbian Exposition, held at Chicago in 1893, and was a member of the committee that erected the Ohio buildings at that wonderful World's Fair.

In 1905 Captain Cummins was appointed by Governor Myron T. Herrick a trustee of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Sandusky, Ohio, vice General Thomas T. Dill, deceased, for the term ending in 1910.

On October 13, 1864, Captain Cummins was united in marriage to Miss Mary S. Newman, a daughter of Andrew S. Newman and a granddaughter of Jacob Newman, one of the first settlers in Richland county and one of the founders of Mansfield, who departed this life November 23, 1877. From this union five children were born, all since deceased.

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#### PETER GELSANLITER, JR.

Peter Gelsanliter, Jr., who carries on agricultural pursuits on section 26, Sandusky township, was born on the farm where he still resides, on the 26th of May, 1863, his parents being Peter and Mary (House) Gelsanliter, natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States in 1834, purchased land in this county and established their home here. The father now makes his home with his son Peter, the mother having passed away in 1888. Their family numbered seven children, as follows: John, who is deceased; two who died in infancy, Peter, of this review; Elizabeth, who has also passed away; Susan, the wife of Kunard Sprou, of Richland county, and George, deceased.

Peter Gelsanliter acquired his education in the common schools and has always made his home on the farm where he was born, here owning thirty-two acres of land on section 26, Sandusky township. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he has met with a well-earned and creditable measure of success, owing to his untiring industry and progressive methods.

Mr. Gelsanliter has been twice married. He was first wedded in 1891 to Miss Matilda Eichler, whose birth occurred in Crawford county, Ohio. The two children of this union, John and George, are both deceased. The mother passed away in 1899, and in 1901 Mr. Gelsanliter married Miss Miranda Beach, also a native of Crawford county, Ohio. She was one of a

family of five children, and her father is still living, but her mother is deceased. By his second wife our subject has three children: Ethel; Ray, who is deceased; and Leola.

In his political views Mr. Gelsanliter is a democrat and has served his fellow townsmen in various positions of public trust and responsibility. He has served as justice of the peace, constable and superintendent, and has likewise acted as a school director for several years. For four terms he has been trustee and is still the incumbent in that position. Both he and his wife are devoted and faithful members of the Lutheran church, taking an active and helpful interest in its work. Throughout his entire life, or for a period of forty-five years, he has been a resident of this county and is well-known and esteemed as one of its worthy native sons.

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#### PATTERSON T. GATTON.

Patterson T. Gatton, successfully engaged in the livery business in Mansfield, was born in Washington township, Richland county, November 24, 1865. His father, Aaron Gatton, was likewise born in Washington township, Richland county, his natal day being August 27, 1845, while his parents were Thomas and Sarah (Gatton) Gatton. The former was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, and was but five years of age when his father, James Gatton, who had come from Maryland, was called to his final rest. Thomas Gatton was bound out to a man named Beavers, who misused him, and for this reason his brother brought him to Richland county about eighty years ago. In the fall of 1861 he enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of Company C, Sixty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died from blood poisoning resulting from a wound which he received at the battle of Stone River, Tennessee. His wife, however, still survives, having now attained the age of eighty-eight years. Their family numbered four children: David, who is a practicing physician located in Mahaska county, Iowa; Rachel, who resides with her mother; Aaron; and John.

Aaron Gatton was educated in the common schools of Washington township and remained at home until the time of his marriage to Miss Mary J. Shively, of Richland county. This union has been blessed with five children, namely: Patterson T., of this review; James A., born August 27, 1870, who is a dealer in horses and is also engaged in the livery business in Mansfield; Harry, a horse dealer of Bellville, Ohio; Nancy A., at home, and Sadie, the wife of Charles Grice, a street car conductor of Mansfield. Aaron Gatton gives his allegiance to the democracy where national questions and issues are involved, but at local elections casts an independent ballot.

Patterson T. Gatton acquired a common-school education, and began dealing in horses when but fifteen years of age, having continued in this line of activity to the present time. He has met with a gratifying and well merited measure of success in his undertakings and is widely recognized as one of the

most prominent and best known dealers in the county, making extensive shipments.

In 1887 Mr. Gatton was united in marriage to Miss Etta Muttis, of Richland county, by whom he has two children: Carl, who is engaged in the livery business in Mansfield in connection with his uncle; and Beatrice, at home.

Mr. Patton casts his vote for the men and measures of the republican party and gives stalwart support to every movement calculated to advance the general welfare or promote the upbuilding of his native county. He has gained many friends throughout the community and is well known as an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, an honorable and upright business man and a devoted husband and father.

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#### JOSEPH HAVERFIELD.

Joseph Haverfield, who is living retired on his valuable farm of eighty acres in Weller township, was born on this place on the 28th of February, 1831, his parents being James and Mary (Allen) Haverfield, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Scotland. The father emigrated to this country in an early day and participated in the war of 1812. Entering a tract of eighty acres of land from the government, situated in Weller township, Richland county, Ohio, he erected a log cabin thereon and made his home here until the time of his demise. His family numbered nine children, as follows: William, James, John, Allen, Joseph, Ellen, Nancy, Jane and May. With the exception of the subject of this review all are now deceased.

Joseph Haverfield acquired a common-school education and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He first rented and subsequently purchased the old homestead farm of eighty acres, on which he has since resided, being successfully engaged in the work of the fields until 1905, when he retired from active life. His agricultural interests were ever carried on systematically and energetically and the fields annually returned to him golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestowed upon them.

Mr. Haverfield also has a creditable military record, having enlisted in 1861 as a member of Company M, Second Ohio Cavalry, and serving for three years. He fought the bushwhackers in Missouri, and while the command was in that state there were two companies of Indians in his regiment. He also participated in the battle at Knoxville and in many other hotly contested engagements, never faltering in the performance of any task assigned him. Being honorably discharged in September, 1864, he returned to his farm in this county and once more took up the pursuits of civil life.

In 1855 Mr. Haverfield was united in marriage to Miss Louisa McMillan, who was born in Richland county March 1, 1833, and who passed away June 29, 1896. She had become the mother of nine children, namely: May J., deceased; Elizabeth, residing at Mount Vernon; Alexander, who makes his

home in North Dakota; Joetta, who has also passed away; Emma C., the wife of Frederick Johnston, of Aliceburg; James A., residing in this county; Cynthia, the wife of Oliver Stull, of Seattle, Washington; Nettie, who became the wife of W. A. Pittenger and resides in Richland county, and Rhoda, the wife of Edward Pugh, of Mansfield. Mr. Haverfield also has twenty-two grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Politically Mr. Haverfield is a stanch republican and has served his fellow townsmen as trustee, assessor and constable. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Jacob Ward Post, No. 467, G. A. R. Having been a resident of this county throughout his entire life, covering a period of seventy-seven years, he has witnessed the greater part of its upbuilding and development, and his useful and honorable career has made him worthy the respect and esteem which are everywhere accorded him.

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#### HARRY C. LEWIS.

Harry C. Lewis, a wide-awake and enterprising young man, who for the past three years has been proprietor of the Irwin Hotel in Plymouth, is well known not only to the local trade but also among the traveling public. He is a native son of Richland county, his birth having occurred on a farm in Madison township, February 12, 1872. The paternal grandfather, Fletcher Lewis, was born in Richland county and spent his entire life here, passing away when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-nine years. He was numbered among the prominent pioneers of this section of the state and lived here when Mansfield contained but twelve houses. At the time of his demise he was the third oldest native-born resident of the county. His maternal great-grandfather, David Bell, came to Richland county from Maryland at a very early period in its history and helped to clear the land on which the west portion of the city of Mansfield now stands. His son, Samuel Bell, the grandfather of our subject, was a youth of seventeen years at the time of his parents' removal from Maryland to this county. The parents of our subject, John D. and Harriet (Bell) Lewis, were farming people of Springfield township, this county, and the mother is a representative of the Bell family, for which the city of Bellville was named. Their family numbered six sons and two daughters, of whom our subject is the second in order of birth.

Harry C. Lewis, whose name introduces this review, was reared under the parental roof, spending his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farm lads. He was a lad of twelve years when his parents removed from Madison township to Franklin township, where he was reared to the age of eighteen years, when a removal was made to a farm in Springfield township. He continued under the parental roof until he reached mature years when he engaged in farming on his own account, operating rented land. He then engaged in the livery business for two years in Galion, after which he once more resumed farm labor, which he followed for four years. He afterward

acted as superintendent of the A. J. Twitchell fruit farm in Springfield township for five years, on the expiration of which period he came to Plymouth and took charge of the Irwin Hotel. Mr. Lewis has proven himself well fitted for the place which he now occupies, for he is ever courteous to his patrons, studies their wishes and demands and has, therefore, won a large and extensive patronage. He was formerly manager of the Farmers Farm Company of Pittsburg, owning five thousand acres of land situated two and a half miles west of Plymouth, and employing about one hundred and forty men in the operation of the same. However, Mr. Lewis now gives his entire time and attention to his hotel interests.

On the 15th of February, 1893, Mr. Lewis was married to Miss Martha Hartpee, a native of Springfield township, and a daughter of Corrington and Abigail (Williams) Hartpee, both of whom passed away in Springfield township, where the father was numbered as a pioneer settler. He served in the Civil war as a member of Company G, Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, continuing at the front for three years and four months. He participated in many important engagements, including Shiloh, Stone River, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Murfreesboro and many others. By her marriage Mrs. Lewis has become the mother of one daughter, Mabel.

Mr. Lewis has been a lifelong democrat, and fraternally is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a genial landlord, his hostelry ranking favorably with those of many a larger place, and its proprietor neglects nothing that can add to the comfort of his guests.

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#### JOHN W. BAUGHMAN.

Prominent among the prosperous and most industrious farmers of Richland county is John W. Baughman, of Jefferson township. He was born in Monroe township, Richland county, Ohio, in 1838. He is a son of Aaron and Katharine (Schrack) Baughman, and is the great-grandson of Abraham Baughman, who was born on the Atlantic ocean as his parents were en route from Wurtemburg, Germany, to America, in 1755, and who, upon their arrival in this country, settled in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, but later came to Ohio. Upon coming to this state Abraham Baughman settled in Monroe township, Richland county, where he was one of the first, if not the very first, pioneer settler in Richland county. Aaron Baughman and his twin brother, Moses, were born in the Mansfield blockhouse in 1812, where the parents had gone for protection from the Indians. Moses died in infancy and Aaron lived to a good old age.

John W. Baughman acquired a good common-school education, and through reading and experience in later years has constantly added to his knowledge, being well informed on all subjects of importance. He was reared to farm life and has found it to be congenial to his tastes, believing it to be "the most useful as well as the most honorable occupation of man," as George Washington expressed it.

Nothing is more noticeable in tracing the biographical history of a nation than the diversity of talents and character brought to bear upon patriotic work; common laborers, farmers and mechanics stand side by side with professional men, statesmen, ministers and judges in defending their common country. With that single patriotic impulse which has inspired men in the past to perform heroic deeds, John Baughman entered the ranks of the Union army and fought for his country during the war of the rebellion. On August 12, 1862, he enlisted for three years in Company B, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out of the service June 19, 1865, at Camp Chase, Ohio, by order of the war department. The One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment was organized in Mansfield, Ohio, in October, 1862. It was consolidated with the One Hundred and Fourteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in 1864. The official list of battles in which the One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment bore an honorable part has not been published by the war department as yet, but the following list has been carefully compiled: Chickasaw Bayou, Mississippi, December 28-29, 1862; Arkansas Post, Arkansas, January 11, 1863; Thompson's Hill, Mississippi (Port Gibson), May 1, 1863; siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi, May 18th to July 4, 1863; Big Black River, Mississippi, May 17, 1863; Jackson, Mississippi, July 9-16, 1863; Transport "City Belle" (near Snaggy Point, Red River, Louisiana), May 3, 1864. The year 1864 opened with an expedition from New Orleans under General Banks and Admiral Porter to the region known as the Red River country. Banks was defeated at Sabine Crossroads on the 8th of April and was forced to retreat. He repulsed an attack at Pleasant Hill on the 9th, but continued his retreat, and the expedition proved a failure to the Union cause. Red river is the southernmost of the larger affluents of the Mississippi, and is formed by several forks, rising in the canyons of the desert called El Llano Estacado, in northwestern Texas, and has a total length of twelve hundred miles, five hundred miles of which are navigable. One cause of the failure of the Red river expedition was the low stage of water at the time. On the 3d of May, 1864, while on this Red river expedition Mr. Baughman was taken prisoner near Snaggy Point. He was taken to Camp Ford prison, in Smith county, Texas, where he was kept a prisoner for over thirteen months.

Two years after Mr. Baughman's return from the army he was married in 1867 to Miss Mary E. Mowry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mowry, and to that union eight children have been born, one of whom died in infancy.

During the first fifteen or twenty years of Mr. Baughman's married life the family resided in Worthington township, but later removed to Jefferson township, where they own and reside upon a good farm on the old state road, two miles south of Bellville. This farm has historical associations, it having been the pioneer home of Major Poppleton, who, in the war of the Revolution, hoisted the American flag at Ticonderoga, when it was taken by Colonel Allen, who demanded its surrender in the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress.

Politically Mr. Baughman is a democrat, as the representatives of the name have been from generation to generation. He has never sought office,

however, preferring the quietude of private life. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades as a member of Miller Moody Post, G. A. R., of Bellville, in which he has held official positions. He was a brave soldier, is an upright citizen and is held in high esteem by his fellowmen. He has a most estimable wife, who is truly a helpmate, and they have reared a family of children of whom any parents might well be proud. He is keen-witted and is able at a glance to place a correct valuation upon men and affairs. Amidst the quiet pursuits of a country life and the endearing surroundings of a happy home he is passing the ripened years of a well-spent life and is worthy a place on the tablets of history.

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#### GUSTAV ETZ.

Gustav Etz, who is the only implement dealer in the village of Bellville and conducts an extensive business in this line, was born in Richland county, Ohio, February 24, 1854, his parents being Philip and Katherine (Wilhelm) Etz, both natives of Germany. They emigrated to Richland county in 1851, the father purchasing land here and giving his attention to agricultural pursuits until the time of his demise in 1875. His family numbered ten children, namely: Louis, who makes his home in Michigan; C. W., of Mansfield, Ohio; Gustav, of this review; Pauline, the wife of William Sonner, of Washington township; Henrietta, at home; Charles, who is also on the home farm; Albert and William, both of Richland county; Frank, at home; and Philip, deceased.

Gustav Etz acquired his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He taught school for a period of nine years and also handled and shipped hay for some time. For the past ten years, however, he has been identified with the implement business, his stock including Deering harvesting machinery and twine, grain drills, wagons, corn and potato planters, spring steel fence, potato diggers, plows, harrows, cultivators, gasoline engines, paints, oils, whips, etc. He is the only implement dealer in the village of Bellville and has gained an extensive patronage by reason of his straightforward and reliable business methods as well as the excellent quality of his goods. He owns the store in which he conducts his enterprise and his property holdings also include a fine residence in Bellville. He has been an important factor in the business circles of Bellville and his prosperity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabating energy and industry that never flags.

In 1882 occurred the marriage of Mr. Etz and Miss Mary Searfor, a native of this county and a daughter of Jacob and Esther Jane (Grub) Searfor. The father, who was born in Virginia, February 19, 1832, is now deceased. The mother of Mrs. Etz was born in Pennsylvania, July 6, 1830, and in the same year was brought by her parents to Richland county, Ohio, her father purchasing a tract of timber land here. He built a log cabin with clapboard roof

and puncheon floor and made his home in this pioneer structure for fifteen years, clearing his farm and bringing it under a high state of cultivation. There was a sugar grove of six hundred trees on the place and he manufactured syrup on quite an extensive scale. His demise occurred January 8, 1868, while his wife survived him for ten years, being called to her final rest November 20, 1878. Their family numbered three children, namely: Mrs. Esther Jane Searfor; and Acenia and Amelia, both of whom are deceased. In 1854 the first named gave her hand in marriage to Jacob Searfor, who passed away February 1, 1902, and by whom she had three children: Robert A., whose birth occurred in 1855 but who is now deceased; Mrs. Mary Etz, who was born December 9, 1858; and David R., born November 20, 1863, who makes his home in this county. Jacob Searfor enlisted for one hundred days' service in the Union army at the time of the Civil war. He was a devoted member of the Evangelical church, with which denomination his wife is still identified. The latter owns eighty acres of valuable land in Jefferson township and also has a fine residence in Bellville. She is widely known and highly esteemed as one of the prominent pioneer ladies of the county, having for seventy-eight years been an interested witness of its wonderful growth and development.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Etz were born two children: Jessie L., at home; and Fred, deceased. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church, and Mr. Etz gives his political allegiance to the democracy. He is public-spirited, giving his cooperation to every movement which tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of his native county.

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#### WALTER S. BRADFORD.

Walter S. Bradford, whose official record is winning for him high encomiums because of his promptness and fidelity in the discharge of his duties, is now serving as city auditor of Mansfield. He was born here October 22, 1872, and is a son of Walter S. Bradford, Sr., whose birth occurred in Medina, Ohio, on the 8th of September, 1833. The latter was educated as a civil engineer and followed that profession for a time in Iowa and Wisconsin. At the time of the Civil war he raised a company and was commissioned captain of Company E, Second Ohio Heavy Artillery, and was later transferred to Company K. He remained in the service until hostilities ceased and was afterward an honored member of the Grand Army post at Mansfield. Prior to entering the army he had removed to Mansfield and here he opened an office in 1870 for the practice of law. He continued a member of the bar here until his death on the 30th of July, 1900. He was very prominent in republican politics in this county and was clerk of the court of common pleas for three years, retiring from that office in 1863. He married Amanda J. Day, a native of Richland county and a daughter of Amos Day, who was one of the first pioneers of the county. She is still living at the age of sixty-eight years. Their family numbered five children, of whom Walter S., Jr., is the second in order of birth, and four are still living. The family record is as

follows: Orin D., who departed this life in 1903; Walter S., of this review; Jessie A., the wife of Charles Bond, of Winslow, Arizona; Florence E., at home; and Robert L., a ranch owner of Anthony, Kansas.

The public-school system of Mansfield afforded Walter S. Bradford, Jr., his early educational privileges and later he attended the Ohio Business College of this city. He made his initial step in the business world in the employ of E. J. Potter, a photographer, with whom he remained for a year and then worked for Joseph J. Tischler, a photographer of Crestline, Ohio, where he continued for a year. He was afterward with the Union News Company at the Union depot of Mansfield until the fall of 1893 and through the succeeding three years he worked in his father's law office and read law. In 1896 he started with a companion for Cuba on a filibustering expedition, but missed the expedition, which left Fernandina, Florida, in December. He then spent the winter in Florida and in March went to St. Petersburg, that state, making several futile attempts to reach Cuba and join the army. Not having the opportunity, he returned to Mansfield in May, 1897, and entered the insurance business until the war broke out, when his military spirit again responded to a call to arms. He had enlisted in the Ohio National Guard as a member of Company M, Eighth Infantry, in 1893. In July, 1895, he was appointed corporal by promotion from the ranks, was made sergeant in July, 1896, and in January, 1898, was elected second lieutenant. On the 13th of May, 1898, he was mustered into the United States army and served as the second lieutenant until November 21, 1898, doing duty at Santiago, Cuba, where he landed on the 10th of July. He was mustered out in the following November and returned home.

Mr. Bradford then entered the insurance business, in which he continued until May, 1902, when he went to Chelan county, Washington, where he engaged in prospecting in the Cascade mountains until October, 1902. He then went to Seattle, where he was engaged as a traveling salesman for the Chicago Moulding Company, continuing his connection therewith until January 25, 1903. At that date he returned to Mansfield on account of the illness of his brother and again he took up insurance work, in which he continued until March, 1904. He afterward entered the cigar business, establishing the Saratoga Cigar Store at No. 78 North Main street and of this he is still proprietor, doing a good business in that line.

Mr. Bradford is also somewhat prominent locally in political circles and was elected to the office of city auditor in November, 1907. He is a republican in politics and is interested in all community affairs, whether of a political nature or otherwise. After being mustered out of the United States service he was elected first lieutenant of Company M of the Eighth Ohio Infantry, and in 1900 was elected captain. On going to the west he resigned this commission, but upon his return he was reelected, March 3, 1903, and served in that capacity to the present time. His fraternal relations are with Venus Lodge of Masons, Madison Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the United Spanish War Veterans and the Sons of Veterans. He is also a member of the First Congregational church.

Mr. Bradford was married at Jeromeville, Ohio, to Doris, a daughter of Alexander Griffith, on the 29th of June, 1904, and they have interesting little twin daughters, Mary and Eleanor, born December 16, 1906. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bradford have many friends in the community and are well known socially.

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#### J. T. SHAFFER.

J. T. Shaffer, successfully conducting business as a gardener, his home being on section 23, Springfield township, is a native of Bedford county, Pennsylvania. His father, Thomas Shaffer, was also born in that state and was a son of John Shaffer, whose birth occurred in Westmoreland county, Maryland. The great-grandfather of our subject was a native of Germany and the founder of the family in the new world. Earlier generations of the family always followed agricultural pursuits, but various representatives of the family during the last three generations have been connected with the trades and professions. Thomas Shaffer, father of our subject, learned the stone-mason's trade when a boy, but in later years took up farming and remained a resident of Pennsylvania during the period of his active life. In 1891 he came to Mansfield to live with his son J. T. Shaffer, and when he passed away, three years later, his remains were taken to Johnsville, Morrow county, Ohio, and laid to rest in the old Shock cemetery. In early manhood he wedded Mary Elizabeth Wolford, who was born in Pennsylvania and was of Scotch lineage. She died in 1892 and was laid to rest by the side of her husband at Johnsville. Their family numbered a son and two daughters, J. T. Shaffer being the eldest. His sisters were Mrs. Carrie Conner, of Johnsville, who died September 3, 1908; and Mrs. Melvin Lane, of Mount Gilead, Ohio, also deceased.

J. T. Shaffer mastered the elementary branches of English learning as a student in the public schools of Pennsylvania, which he attended until he reached the age of ten years. He then accompanied his parents to Johnsville, Ohio, where he attended the high school, while later he pursued a normal course. Being thus well qualified for educational work, he began teaching in the public schools in the vicinity of Johnsville and followed the profession for nine years, proving competent to handle the interests of the schools with which he was connected, both in the matter of discipline and instruction. He was afterward engaged in bookkeeping for a year and then, because of impaired health, was obliged to seek outdoor employment. Accordingly he came to Mansfield and entered the employ of Joe Brumenshenkel, a gardener, on Marion avenue, with whom he continued until about four years ago, when he determined to engage in business on his own account and bought ten acres of land in Springfield township. He then began gardening on his own account. He repaired the house and barn and has added many modern equipments until he has one of the nice homes in Springfield township. He built quite an extensive forcing house and has added to its as the business has developed. Already his trade is extensive and he finds a ready sale upon

the market for all the garden products which he produces. In cultivation he makes a specialty of size and flavor, and such is the quality of vegetables which he raises that there is a constant demand for what is sold from the Shaffer farm.

In 1897 occurred the marriage of J. T. Shaffer and Miss Etta M. Huffman, a resident of Blooming Grove, Morrow county, Ohio. Their only child, Martha May, was born on the 1st of January, 1908, and died September 2, 1908. In his political and in his religious views Mr. Shaffer is liberal and yet stands for high ideals, both in citizenship and in conduct. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias. Whatever success he has achieved is due entirely to his own labors, and his perseverance and energy constitute the key which has unlocked for him the portals of success.

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#### DAVID FLEMING.

David Fleming, successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising on section 18, Jefferson township, was born on this farm on the 19th of November, 1857, his parents being George and Sarah (Douglas) Fleming. The father, a native of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, came to Richland county, Ohio, at an early day, purchased land and remained here until the time of his death, which occurred December 3, 1873, his wife surviving him until July 10, 1894, when she, too, was called to her final rest. Their family numbered ten children, namely: one who died at birth; John, Mary E. and George, all of whom have passed away; Sarah Jane, who makes her home with her brother David; Emily Ann, the wife of Nathaniel Beaty, of Allen county, Ohio; William, of Knox county; James H., living in Richland county; David, of this review; and Maggie E., the wife of Edward Douglas, of Monroe county, Ohio.

David Fleming acquired a common-school education and was reared on his father's farm, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. After attaining adult years he rented the old homestead, but after his mother's death purchased the place, which he has since successfully operated. It comprises one hundred and six acres of rich and productive land on section 18, Jefferson township, and in connection with the tilling of the soil he also raises and feeds stock, meeting with a gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity in both undertakings and being recognized as one of the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of the community.

In 1891 Mr. Fleming was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Ann Fike, a native of this county and a daughter of Isaac and Mary J. (Cooke) Fike. She passed away March 29, 1893, leaving one daughter, Viola May, who is at home.

Mr. Fleming gives stalwart allegiance to the men and measures of the republican party and has served as school director for six years, the cause of education finding in him a stanch friend. His religious faith is indicated by

his membership in the Evangelical church. He is public spirited, giving his cooperation to every movement which tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of his native county, with the interests of which he has now been identified for more than a half century.

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#### ALLEN BLANCHARD.

Allen Blanchard was born in Albany, New York, in 1843, acquiring his education in the public schools of that city. On putting aside his text-books he commenced business as a patternmaker in association with his father, continuing in that line of activity throughout his entire life. During the three years which he spent in Mansfield he was superintendent of the Eclipse Stove Works. He was ill for the last five years of his life and during the last two years was unable to do any work.

Allen Blanchard was one of the first to enlist in the Civil war, joining the Hawkins Zouaves of New York and serving with them throughout the term of their enlistment. He participated in every engagement in which they took part and was ever a brave and loyal soldier, unfaltering in his defense of the old flag.

In 1865 he was united in marriage to Miss Marietta Perkins, a native of Vermont, and the two children of this union are Eugene Blanchard, of Troy, New York, and Mrs. Marie Kegg, who has four children.

Politically Mr. Blanchard was a republican, while fraternally he was connected with the Royal Arcanum, and in religious faith was a Presbyterian. His death, which occurred in 1899, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had ever been an enterprising business man, an upright and public-spirited citizen and a devoted husband and father.

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#### ROBERT M. TAYLOR.

Robert M. Taylor is the junior member of the firm of Schryock & Taylor, proprietors of one of the leading mercantile interests of Mansfield. The business was established in 1906 and has since been successfully conducted, a large trade being enjoyed in the sale of machinery, buggies, harness, implements, fertilizers, flour, etc. The partners are men of enterprise and good business and executive ability and have made their establishment attractive to the public by reason of their honorable business methods, reasonable prices and earnest desire to please their patrons.

Mr. Taylor was born April 2, 1864, in Washington township, this county, his parents being William and Eleanor (Trewhill) Taylor. The father was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit until his life's labors were ended in death in 1891. His wife, surviving him for about five years, died in October, 1896.

Robert M. Taylor pursued his education in the district schools of Springfield township, for the family removed to that locality when he was but three years of age. He spent his life as a farmer and dealer in agricultural implements until he joined Webster H. Schryock in establishing a business at Ontario, Ohio, under the firm style of Schryock & Taylor. This was in 1903. There they opened a store, in which they carried a line of goods similar to that which they are now handling at Mansfield. The latter store was opened in 1906 and both establishments are now being successfully conducted. They are also agents for the De Laval cream separator. Their trade has reached profitable proportions and the partners are well known for their enterprise, perseverance and commercial integrity.

Mr. Taylor is well known in political circles and in 1900 was elected constable, which office he has since acceptably filled, covering a period of eight years. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and is also a member of the Highland Grange. He is well known in Richland county, where his entire life has been passed and the fact that many of his stanchest friends are those who have been acquainted with him from his boyhood is an indication that his has been an honorable and upright career.

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#### JOHN HARVEY WOODS.

John Harvey Woods, a rural mail carrier living at No. 50 Glesner avenue in Mansfield, was born August 16, 1844, upon a farm in this county. His father, James Woods, was a native of Pennsylvania, and with his parents removed to Ashland county, Ohio, in his childhood days. When he had attained his majority he began farming on his own account across the line in Richland county and was thus identified with agricultural pursuits in Ohio until 1863, when he removed to Indiana, where his death occurred in 1865. His entire life has been devoted to farming. He wedded Mary Fifcoat, who was born in Marion county, Ohio, and they became the parents of four children: John F., who, though a resident of Mansfield, is now sojourning in Los Angeles, California, for the benefit of his health; William, a resident of Oklahoma; John H., of this review; and Ebenezer, deceased.

John Harvey Woods pursued his early education in Quail Trap school in Springfield township until the age of sixteen years, after which he devoted his undivided attention to the work of the home farm, continuing thus to assist his father until he reached the age of nineteen years. He had not yet attained his majority when he offered his services to the government in defense of the Union, enlisting at Mansfield on the 19th of August, 1862, as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served for three years, two months and four days, and was discharged at Detroit, Michigan, although the regiment was mustered out at Columbus. Mr. Woods, however, was at that time a messenger on staff duty. He participated in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou and Arkansas Post and went down the Mississippi river to Young's Point, where he was in camp for a time.

With his command he afterward crossed the river below Vicksburg and participated in the battle of Thompson Hill, while later he took part in the battles of Jackson and Black River and was also present at the siege of Vicksburg until its surrender. From the battle of Arkansas Post he served as a messenger on special duty until the close of the war, being connected with the staffs of General Henseman, General Joseph Hooker, and others. Although he was not wounded in battle he had met with an accident which, though seemingly slight, has since been felt. He started with a message on a dark night and, tripping on a rope, fell and hit a stake. The fall impaired his health and he feels the effects to this day.

When the war was over Mr. Woods returned to Richland county and began to clerk for his brother. He afterward went upon the road as a traveling salesman and subsequently was engaged in business on his own account until about six years ago, when he began carrying the mails on rural delivery route No. 7.

In 1873 Mr. Woods was united in marriage to Miss Emily A. Brown, who was born in Medina county, Ohio, and came with her parents to Richland county at the age of sixteen years. They now have one child, Cassius H., who was born in 1876 and after attending the public schools of Mansfield became a student in the dental department of the Ohio Medical University. He was graduated in 1897 with the D.D.S. degree and began the practice of dentistry in Bellville, where he remained for six years. He afterward practiced in Mansfield for two and a half years, but during the past four years has been interested in the promotion of western enterprises and is a wide-awake, progressive business man. In 1899 he married Miss Jeannette D. Oberlin, a resident of Bellville, Ohio.

In his political views Mr. Woods is a stalwart republican and, keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day, is enabled to support his position by intelligent argument. He was born and reared in the faith of the Seceders church, but both he and his wife are now members of the Congregational church. They own an attractive and well furnished home in the city, keep a team of horses and are pleasantly situated in life. Comparatively few men of Mr. Woods' years can boast of three years' service as a soldier in the Union army and in the years which have since come and gone he has proven himself equally loyal to the interests of his country.

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#### LEWIS C. MENGERT.

Lewis C. Mengert, who since 1886 has been a representative of the Ohio bar, practicing at Mansfield since 1892, has gained a large clientage, as he has demonstrated his ability to successfully handle involved and important litigated interests. He is one of Richland county's native sons, having first opened his eyes to the light of day in a little log cabin that stood upon a farm in Washington township, his birth occurring August 27, 1858.

His parents, William and Sophia (Griebling) Mengert, were natives of Germany, the former born in Oberbieber, of the kingdom of Prussia, June 18, 1818, while the mother's birth occurred January 2, 1813, in Freilinger in the province of Nassau. They were reared and married in Germany and seven children were born unto them ere they left that country, but five died there. In 1853, with his wife and surviving two children, William Mengert started for the new world and after reaching American shores made his way into the interior of the country, settling upon a rented farm in Washington township, Richland county. His daughter Henrietta died about five or six years after the family came to the new world, but the son survives and is now living in Knox county, Ohio. Two sons were added to the family in America: Frederick, now living in Ashland county, Ohio; and Lewis C., of this review. After renting land for several years, William Mengert purchased and located upon an eighty acre tract of school land. He continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits there until 1883, when he and his wife removed to Butler, but in that year Mrs. Mengert died. Both the parents were members of the Evangelical Reformed church and Mr. Mengert was always a stanch democrat, who in Worthington township served as trustee for three or four years.

It was upon the home farm that Lewis G. Mengert was reared, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He mastered the elementary branches of learning as a pupil in the district school and afterward attended village school at Butler, while later he matriculated at Mansfield Normal School, and that he displayed aptitude in his studies is indicated by the fact that when but seventeen years of age he was granted a teacher's certificate and took up the active work of the profession, which he followed for thirteen years. During the last six years of that time he was principal of the schools at Butler and he became recognized as one of the able exponents of public education, holding high the standard of the schools with which he was connected and inspiring his pupils with much of his own zeal and interest in the work.

However, he resolved to enter other professional fields and in 1883 became a law student in the office of Donnell & Marriott, attorneys of Mansfield. His preliminary reading was broad and thorough and secured his admission to the bar in 1886. He practiced at Butler for six years and in 1892 removed to Mansfield. For five years thereafter he was a partner in the firm of Bell, Brinkerhoff & Mengert, and in 1897 the law firm of Douglass & Mengert was formed. Mr. Mengert has continuously practiced law since 1883 and his power and ability have constantly been broadened through experience, research and study. He never neglects to give a thorough preparation nor does he lack that power which results in a clear and forceful presentation of his case and with all its points duly defined in their relative proportion. He can cite law and precedent and is seldom if ever at error in applying a legal principle to the cause in litigation.

In 1883 occurred the marriage of Mr. Mengert and Miss Clara V. Gongwer. Their children are four in number: Portia, Gladys, Karl and Paul. The family are all members of St. Luke's Lutheran church and Mr. Mengert affiliates with the Independent Order of Foresters and the Knights of Pythias.

His political allegiance has always been given to the democracy and his efforts in its behalf have been effective forces in its success in Richland county. In 1898 and again in 1900 he was chairman of the democratic county executive committee. Without any special advantages at the outset of his career, Mr. Mengert has made steady progress in a profession demanding close application, unfaltering purpose and unwearied industry and his ability is displayed by the liberal clientele which is today his.

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#### NORMAN TEETER.

Norman Teeter, who is engaged in farming and dairying on section 30, Jefferson township, was born in Richland county, Ohio, August 1, 1867, a son of John and Sarah Teeter, who are mentioned at length in another part of this volume. Norman Teeter obtained a common-school education and remained at home until he had become of age. He worked by the month for two years and on the expiration of that period operated a rented farm for three years. Subsequently he made his home in Bellville for four years and then again engaged in farming for three years. Purchasing forty acres of land on section 30, Jefferson township, he has here since made his home, and in connection with the tilling of the soil also conducts a dairy, both branches of his business bringing to him a gratifying financial return.

On the 31st of August, 1892, Mr. Teeter was united in marriage to Miss Kate Lewis, whose birth occurred in Morrow county, Ohio, in 1866, her parents being Barton and Martha (Acton) Lewis, natives of this state. The former is still living but the mother passed away in 1874, leaving a family of six children: Alvilda, at home; Milton, of Morrow county, Ohio; Rilla, the wife of John W. Teeter; Mrs. Teeter; Jennie, at home; and Weems, residing in Missouri. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Teeter four children have been born: Lloyd B., Esther L., Maggie A. and Foy L.

Mr. Teeter gives his political allegiance to the democracy, while his wife is a member of the Baptist church. They are both well known and highly respected throughout the entire community and Mr. Teeter is widely recognized as one of Richland county's enterprising native sons, whose aid and influence can ever be counted upon to further any movement or measure calculated to prove of general good.

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#### WILLIAM DOW.

William Dow, president of the Dow Chemical Manufacturing Company and identified with various other corporate interests, has the keen discrimination that enables him to understand and embrace business opportunities and to carry them forward to successful completion along well defined lines of labor intelligently directed. Mr. Dow is a native of Kinross, Scotland, and,

educated in that country, he came to America as a young man of twenty years, locating at New York. Later he removed to Cleveland, Ohio, and afterward came to Mansfield, where he conducted a general contracting business until his practical retirement from business activity and management. He was closely associated with building interests here and many substantial structures of the city stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. He is now largely living retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest, although he is financially connected with various corporate interests which are contributing to the substantial upbuilding of the city and returning to their stockholders a goodly annual dividend. In 1903 Mr. Dow and his sons established the Dow Chemical Manufacturing Company, of which he is the president. He is also vice president of the Ideal Electric Company, a director in the Bank of Mansfield, a director in the Barnes Manufacturing Company, also in a coal and timber company operating in West Virginia and in the Mechanics' Building & Loan Company of Mansfield. As the years have passed and he has prospered in his undertakings he has also invested in realty and is the owner of considerable valuable property in this city. His holdings include his own home at No. 564 Park avenue, west, the residence being erected by Mr. Dow in 1896.

Mr. Dow was married at Forest, Ohio, to Miss Lisetta Stetzer, of an old German family connected with the nobility. There are three sons: John W. Dow, who is treasurer of the Dow Chemical Manufacturing Company; Ralph, who is secretary of the same company; and Walter, who is its vice president.

Mr. Dow is a member of all the Masonic bodies and is a past chancellor of Mansfield Commandery, No. 21, K. T. In politics he is a republican where national questions are involved, but is an independent voter at local elections, nor has he ever sought or desired office. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church and a citizen of substantial worth in the community, who has made rapid progress in his business affairs and has wrought along lines of great good. He early learned to know when one avenue of opportunity seems to be closed there are others which will open to industry, perseverance and determination. Gradually he has worked his way upward and his success is the direct result of intense and well directed energy.

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#### W. M. HAHN.

W. M. Hahn ranks as one of the representative and prominent residents of Mansfield. He is a man of well balanced capabilities and powers, of strong character, and one who inspires confidence in others. He may not have genius, or any phenomenal characteristics, yet he is capable of mature judgment concerning his own capacity and of the people and circumstances that make up his life's contacts and experiences. Preeminently a man of business sense, he easily avoids mistakes or any course where erratic movements might lead him into unwarranted risk and failure. He is, moreover, ready to meet any of the obligations of life with the confidence and courage that comes of conscious personal ability, right conceptions of things and a conscientious

regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities. He was born in Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, November 24, 1848, his parents being Mathias and Mary (Martin) Hahn, who were also natives of the Keystone state. They removed to Ohio in 1852, settling first at Shelby, but soon afterwards took up their abode on a farm near there and later became residents of Crawford county, where Mr. Hahn engaged in the sawmill and lumber business until he retired a few years previous to his death, which occurred in 1876. His wife had died on the farm in Auburn township in 1868. Mathias Hahn had owned and operated a lumber mill and was an energetic, enterprising business man of the community. He represented an old Pennsylvania family whose members were living at Carlisle, Shippensburg and Staunton, where some of their descendants still reside. They are of German lineage, the grandfather of our subject having been a native of Germany.

W. M. Hahn was the fourth in order of birth in a family of four sons and four daughters, six of whom are living, while two daughters died in early womanhood.

W. M. Hahn spent his boyhood, to the age of fifteen years, in Crawford county and acquired his education in the public schools there until he entered a seminary at De Kalb. He was a student in that institution when he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a musician of Company H, Sixty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He played the snare drum and in February, 1863, went to the front, being engaged on active duty until wounded at Peachtree Creek, Georgia, in 1864. He was at that time serving as private orderly to Colonel Wolfe, and after being wounded was sent home on a furlough, returning to his regiment three months later. He was then detailed as private orderly to Brigadier General Harker and was mustered out of service at New Orleans in 1865. He then returned to his home in Crawford county and began work at the carpenter's trade, following that pursuit in the vicinity of his home for about a year. In 1867 he removed to Plymouth, this county, where he worked at carpentering until September, 1868, when he became a resident of Mansfield, where he has since lived. For two years he was identified with building interests here and then turned his attention to the fire insurance business, with which he has been connected continuously since 1870, excepting when holding public office. In 1873 he was associated with J. H. Emminger in organizing the Mansfield Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and in 1876 he assisted M. E. Douglas in the organization of the Merchants & Manufacturers Mutual Fire insurance Company of Mansfield. In 1905 he organized the North American Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Mansfield, and is now the general manager and one of the directors of the company. He has also aided in organizing many other financial and commercial institutions of the city and has thus contributed in large measurement to the business development of the county seat of Richland county.

Mr. Hahn is equally well known in republican circles and has done an active work for the party. He was elected city assessor from the first ward for three consecutive terms, and was then selected as republican county chairman, which position he filled for two terms. While acting in that capacity he was appointed by Senator Sherman to the position of deputy United States

marshal for the northern district of Ohio, and served as such for six years. In 1883 he was nominated by the republican state convention for a member of the state board of public works and was elected by about six thousand plurality, notwithstanding the fact that Governor Foraker was defeated in the state election, as were several other candidates for state offices. Two years later Mr. Hahn was renominated and was elected by over twelve thousand plurality. In 1890 he was appointed chairman of the republican state executive committee by Hon. Daniel J. Ryan, and in 1891 was again appointed to this position at the personal request of William McKinley, who that year was a candidate on the state ticket for governor. The day before the election Mr. Hahn in a letter to Major McKinley advised him that he would have in this state twenty-two thousand plurality over Governor James E. Campbell, and the number at the election was exceeded by only about three hundred, which was the closest estimate ever made in the state. After serving for six years on the state board of public works Mr. Hahn was appointed state superintendent of insurance for Ohio by Major McKinley, who was then governor, and served for three years, or until the expiration of the governor's term. In 1892 he was elected a delegate at large for Ohio to the Minneapolis republican convention with William McKinley, J. B. Foraker and Asa Bushnell, all of whom had been governors of the state, and at the convention at Minneapolis the delegates elected him a member of the republican national committee, in which office he served for four years. He was still a member of the committee when elected one of the sub-committee and was chosen secretary to that committee to look after the details of the convention that was held in St. Louis in 1896.

While thus serving he had supervision over the building in which the convention was to be held in St. Louis and the apportionment of tickets for admission to convention hall. In 1892 Mr. Hahn was chairman of the speaker's bureau during the Harrison campaign and was located in New York, from which point the campaign was managed. In 1896 he was asked by Major McKinley to accept the same position in Chicago. From the foregoing it will be seen that Mr. Hahn is and has been recognized as a most efficient and faithful worker in republican ranks, capable of formulating and executing plans which have resulted in benefit to the party, and at all times has enjoyed the confidence of the prominent state and national leaders, who have relied largely upon him for effective organization and marshaling of republican forces in the campaigns.

In July, 1870, in Mansfield was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Hahn and Miss Rosa L. Hiltabidle, a daughter of John Hiltabidle, of Mansfield. Mrs. Hahn was a teacher in the public schools and was the only girl member of the high school class in which she was graduated. She is prominent in social circles and very active in charitable and benevolent work. She is also a member of the St. Luke's Lutheran church, and does much to advance its interest and promote its influence.

Mr. Hahn belongs to the various Masonic bodies, to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and the Mansfield Country Club, of which he is a director. He, too, is a devout member of St. Luke's Lutheran church,

of which he has been a trustee altogether for thirty-three years, serving in that capacity in connection with the Lutheran church before St. Luke's church was organized, at which time he was elected to the same office by the newly formed society. His aid has never been solicited in vain in support of any movement calculated to benefit the town and county, and while he has figured prominently in political life he has also found opportunity to assist in local measures. As the years have passed he has prospered in his undertakings and has made judicious investment in real estate. He is now the owner of four hundred acres of valuable land adjoining the Country Club on the west, and known as Roseland farm. Upon this place he resides. It was originally known as the Harvey Hill farm, and comprised three hundred and twenty acres, but later he purchased an adjoining tract of eighty acres. This includes ninety-five acres of timber, which is one of the largest forest tracts in this part of the state. While giving his attention principally to his insurance business Mr. Hahn also looks after the conduct of his farm, and likewise owns some property in Mansfield, including the block at the corner of Park avenue and Walnut street, where his offices are located. He is a man of attractive build and fine physique, and his commanding appearance makes him noticeable in any gathering, while his intellectual force, his business capacity and his powers of organization have gained for him the attention and respect of his associates in business, political and social life.

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#### JAMES PURDY.

In the spring of 1823 James Purdy, a young lawyer from New York state, seeking his fortune in the new western country, arrived at Mansfield and took charge of a newspaper; admitted to the bar, he rode the circuit of the surrounding counties; as editor, his opinion was felt in local affairs, and his influence extended to the legislature at Columbus, where he procured the survey of a canal route through Mansfield; obtained a charter for a railroad from Pittsburg and organized the corps that surveyed the line; was first president of the first steam road to enter Mansfield; established the first banking house in the county; built a railroad in Iowa, mills near Toledo, and died at the age of ninety-three, having passed in Mansfield sixty-three years filled full with the many activities of a prominent townsman and pioneer man of affairs.

The Purdy ancestry was thoroughly Scotch-Irish, the four preceding generations on both sides having been drawn from the Scotch Covenanter stock which continued in the north of Ireland after the general emigration of the sect under Charles II. The grandfather, Hugh Purdy (with wife, Esther Bell), came to America in 1762 and joined a previous Scotch settlement at Hopewell, in York county, Pennsylvania, bringing with him his two sons, one of whom, Patrick B., chose a wife (Jeannette Wallace) among the daughters of the colony, and inherited half his father's land; bore a captain's commission in the Revolution, built a grist mill and became the miller of the district. The flour was carted to Baltimore, forty miles to the south, and there shipped to foreign ports.

Patrick Purdy's son James was born July 24, 1793, and, together with seven brothers and sisters, was brought up with all the strictness of early Scotch Presbyterianism. Hopewell was, at that time, a thorough Covenanter colony, the earliest church in the district (perhaps the first United Presbyterian church in America) had been organized in 1754 at grandfather Wallace's house; and in the district schools Saturday afternoon was devoted to catechism. The homestead consisted of a four-hundred acre farm and its barns, a big stone house, with "P. B. Purdy, 1800," cut in the gable, the spinning-house, the flour mill in the valley, the cooper-shop and warehouse. There were negro domestics and black farm hands, and each Sabbath morning the family, spinning maids and workmen all listened to a long sermon at Round Hill church. Amid such surroundings young James, the eldest of the children, grew up—going to district school, puzzling over Greek and Latin works found among his father's books; working with a surveyor and studying his science; becoming an expert cooper in the shop connected with the mill; joining with the neighbors at barn-raisings and getting a bad fall in one case from the top of the structure. Enlisting with the infantry volunteers he served under arms as corporal when, twice, calls were made for the defense of the frontiers in the war of 1812. Previous to this struggle the Non-Intercourse Acts wrecked the flour industry and (in 1811) the father gave up his mill and moved the family to Canandaigua, New York, a place known in early times as a center of a cultivated society and the seat of the Canandaigua Academy. Here the name James Purdy was presently enrolled among the students. He mastered Latin grammar and read Virgil, obtaining a state license as teacher and taught in the newly organized township schools; studied geometry and taught himself surveying, and in the fall of 1819 was appointed assistant professor in the academy. For three years he studied law with Attorneys Adams & Sibley at Canandaigua and Benjamen at East Bloomfield. In the autumn of 1822, having been admitted to the bar, he considered his classical and legal education complete and prepared himself for a journey to the new west.

James Purdy and James Stewart attached themselves to a party of farmers going prospecting to Ohio, and, reaching Norwalk, turned south, heading for Cincinnati on foot, no conveyance being available. They passed through Mansfield, Fredericktown and Worthington and arrived at Columbus, a town of five hundred inhabitants. Here Stewart gave up, and meeting with a Mansfield man went home with him; set up the first classical school in the region; became judge of common pleas court and a valued citizen of early Mansfield. His companion kept on through Cincinnati to Louisville, where he waited for a boat that would take him to New Orleans, his intended destination being Pensacola, Florida. At Louisville the brutal treatment of a slave so impressed him that he abandoned his journey to the south and crossed the Ohio river to Corydon, the seat of government of Indiana.

The state and federal courts being then in session he secured immediate admission to practice and rode the circuit with his friend, H. H. Moore, the district attorney. The south of Indiana seemed to Mr. Purdy to be filling up with an inferior class of immigrant settlers and he was not long in deciding

to return northeastward. He forthwith started on foot, bearing a soldier's knapsack. It was a dozen miles between adjacent clearings, and Indianapolis, which had just been laid out, boasted a big log tavern. From Indianapolis to Fort Wayne he followed an Indian trail, the Indians having sold their lands to the government, were just then leaving their villages and moving westward, and squatters were taking possession of their abandoned habitations and clearings. These settlers housed the traveler over night—as mentioned in his diary; he in this way met with several settlers of an earlier date who had come west to escape imprisonment for debt during the industrial depression of 1810. Mr. Purdy was ferried across White River by Bill Connor, the notorious trader and squaw-man, who had managed the negotiations between congress and the Indians relative to the cession of their lands.

Leaving behind Fort Wayne, with its twenty stores, its throng of Indian traders and fur trappers with their ponies and packs, and striking for Defiance, the trip became very rough, and a bivouac under a bush was the only available night's lodging in one case. At Fort Meigs there was a tavern. Between Fort Meigs and Fort Stevenson (now Fremont) the distance of thirty-five miles was covered between sunrise and sunset of December 25th, and his journal says: "It being Christmas night the neighborhood was giving a ball, which I attended." The remainder of the winter he spent at Norwalk writing up the court records, which had been allowed to lapse. Here the country had been organized seven years and the legal profession well established.

After visiting various places in the north of the state Mr. Purdy decided on Mansfield, and came here May 29, 1823. Not allowed to practice until he had been resident in the state for a year, he bought the small equipment of the unsuccessful pioneer newspaper, employed J. C. Gilkinson as printer and began the publication of the Mansfield Gazette. The outfit of type having proved insufficient the editor rode to Cincinnati and brought back a new supply in his saddle bags. Subsequently the entire equipment was renewed and enlarged and the paper continued under Mr. Purdy's editorship until he sold in 1832 to T. W. Bartley, afterward supreme court judge and governor of the state. The Gazette was consolidated with the Western Herald, which had been started in 1830, and the resulting paper was named The Ohio Spectator. Having been admitted to practice in the state and federal courts late in 1823, he rode the circuit, which was then composed of the counties of Richland, Wood, Huron, Sandusky, Seneca, Crawford and Marion. Among his associates on the circuit were Messrs. May, Parker, Coffinberry and Stewart (John M. May being the first resident attorney of the settlement, having arrived in 1815), all of whom rode good horses, carried their legal papers in their hats and spent jolly evenings at the log taverns along the way. Mr. Purdy continued in practice until 1860, gradually relinquishing this practice, however, in favor of other interests. Although he was an active whig and republican he was only a candidate for office once, when he was defeated for state senator in 1828. As time went on he developed a wide acquaintance and many intimate friendships among the prominent politicians and leading men of affairs of the state.

Work on the important Ohio and Erie canal having begun in 1825, Editor Purdy urged the value of a canal improvement for Richland county, and an act was passed directing the survey of a route up the valley of Black Fork creek. In 1833 he summoned from Detroit an engineer to take charge of some local enterprise, which was afterwards abandoned, so, securing authority from the legislature, he sent this engineer with a corps of assistants to survey the Black Fork canal. The line was laid out but the work of building never undertaken, it being found impracticable in this, the "back-bone" county of the state.

Steam railroads were a recent appearance in the East. The Sandy and Beaver canal was in process of construction in the eastern part of the state. Mr. Purdy thought a good railroad route was to be had from the western terminus of this canal, westward through Mansfield and on to Fort Wayne. His professional calling had made him acquainted with various prominent men at Pittsburg and with others along the line of the contemplated improvement. He therefore, in the summer of 1834, arranged a meeting at his office in Mansfield, which was attended by representatives of all counties from Stark westward; measures were taken to obtain an act of the legislature, and Dr. A. G. Miller, S. R. Curtis and Mr. Purdy were appointed a committee to forward the work of the proposed railroad. A charter was secured and the state paid the cost of a survey, completed under S. R. Curtis in 1836. Construction could not begin without the aid of Pittsburg capital, and for the present this was not forthcoming.

Richland county's earliest outlet for produce was Sandusky City, on the lake. Huron had diverted most of this traffic by building a canal to Norwalk, and Sandusky had replied by building a horse-power railroad to Monroeville. A steam road between Mansfield and Sandusky appeared so desirable that several charters had been granted for such a line, but no work done as yet.

In December, 1839, Judge William Patterson and Mr. Purdy were appointed to go to Columbus and obtain or have amended a charter for a road from Mansfield to New Haven. This was effected, and Mr. Purdy, together with the others interested, spent the rest of the winter among the farmers, holding meetings in the schoolhouses and booming the enterprise. In the spring of 1840 the company was organized and Mr. Purdy appointed president. He took direct charge of the work, employed an engineer and had the line located as far as New Haven. The work was let and a day appointed (in August, 1840) for the ceremony of breaking the first ground. This was performed by John Stewart, first surveyor of the county, and Robert Bentley, an early pioneer settler, in the presence of a large and interested assembly at Mansfield, and a very important step in the development of the town and county had been taken. This was among the very earliest steam roads in the state. The undertaking was, in large part, dependent upon the money subscribed direct by the farmers along the line; later these funds were augmented by well-to-do Mansfield citizens. Work having been retarded by changes of administration and financial disaster, it was not until 1846 that the first train steamed into Mansfield.

Mr. Purdy had been a stockholder in the Bank of Wooster, organized in 1834. When in 1845 the Ohio State Bank was created by the legislature, he organized a banking company which was approved and accepted as a branch of the State Bank, and as such entered into business in September, 1847. This was known as the Farmers' Branch of the Ohio State Bank (capital \$100,000.00), and was the first permanent and substantial institution of the kind in the county. Mr. Purdy was president and John M. Rhodes cashier. Mr. Purdy thereby became a member of the state board of control which financed the early times of Ohio, and in 1883, at ninety years of age, was the oldest member present at the annual reunion of that notable body. About 1848 he established branch banking houses in Mount Gilead, Findlay, Ashland and Millersburg—the last two became national banks when (in 1865) the old state bank system was discontinued. The Farmers' Bank at Mansfield at this date was reorganized as the Farmers' National Bank, Mr. Purdy continuing to be its president until his death.

Soon after the establishment of the Mansfield and New Haven line, at the request of the Pittsburghers who had failed to support the Big Sandy and Fort Wayne project, Mr. Purdy called a meeting of the original promoters of that enterprise at Massillon in 1848. The proposed route was extended to reach Pittsburgh and a joint charter was obtained from the Pennsylvania and Ohio legislatures, Mr. Purdy attending to the Ohio end of it, and the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad was built to Crestline. It was afterward extended through Mansfield to Fort Wayne and became the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad. In 1855 he joined with a number of eastern capitalists in the organization of the Clinton Railroad & Land Company, which laid out the city of Clinton, Iowa, and proposed building a railroad from that point to Cedar Rapids. For some succeeding years Mr. Purdy, as vice president of this company, spent most of his time in the west, taking active charge of the work of construction, which included a bridge across the Mississippi. He laid the corner-stone of the first house in Clinton.

Mr. Purdy derived a fondness for mills from the homestead at Hopewell, and when in 1828 he acquired a farm in Richland county, including a small mill, he rebuilt and enlarged the plant. In 1836 he purchased a tract of land on the Maumee river, abreast of the rapids (Grand Rapids) and became proprietor of an extensive water power, built a sawmill, and later added a grist mill, equipping it extensively with machinery of the period, so soon to become obsolete and worthless.

Mr. Purdy's long life covered the period of three wars. As a young lad he had been an enthusiastic reader of accounts of the Marlborough campaigns and Queen Anne wars found among his father's books. He had enlisted in the volunteers' service of New York state and served two calls to the front in 1812; at the third call a substitute took his place and was killed and his command captured. In 1824 he took part in organizing a volunteer gun squad, equipped with a six-pounder howitzer, which was one of Mansfield's crack military organizations, and upon the outbreak of the Civil war was revived and put into service, Captain McMullin commanding. In 1827 Mr. Purdy was appointed assistant adjutant general, and in 1846, at the request

of the governor, raised four companies for the Mexican war service. In 1862 Governor Tod appointed him commissioner to make a draft, and later, when Cincinnati was threatened, he raised a company of "Squirrel Hunters," one hundred and twenty strong, and started for Columbus within twenty-four hours. His son James enlisted at the age of fifteen years in the Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry in 1861 and served throughout the Civil war.

A man preeminently of business interests and active affairs, Mr. Purdy still found time to gratify an inquiring mind by wide and miscellaneous reading, being informed on a variety of subjects not usually explored except by the student. He had a great reputation among his neighbors as an authority on points of Biblical history. His interest in higher education was shown by a substantial gift to Washington and Jefferson College in 1858 and by his life-long support of Wooster University, the state institution of his religious denomination. In the story of this life we see portrayed a typical pioneer man of affairs. In the development of a new country first there comes the settler who breaks the first roads, clears the forest, drains the swamps and builds himself a rude home; next come the men of affairs, men of brains who practice in the courts, edit the papers and manage the politics of the country; then men of means who establish the stores, build the warehouses, extend traffic and intercourse and supply the money for new enterprises. Successively school teacher, editor, lawyer, banker and capitalist, Mr. Purdy was a fine example of this type.

Late in life (October, 1839) he married Mary Beaufort Hodge, third daughter of William Hodge, one of the early bankers of the city of Buffalo. There were seven children: Mary H., wife of William H. Weldon, of the United States navy, of Mansfield; Jeannette W., of Mansfield, wife of Joseph S. Hedges, United States army; James Purdy, who married Emma Kennedy; Helen S., who married Henry M. Weaver, of Columbus; Adelaide W., wife of Frank S. Lahm, of Canton; Kate H., wife of Dr. Frank D. Bain, of Kenton; and Hamilton Patrick Purdy.

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#### JOHN CHAMBERLIN FISH.

John Chamberlin Fish, controlling in an executive capacity many important business concerns, is a man both forceful and resourceful in the active affairs of life. With marked ability to plan and perform, he stands as one of the conspicuous figures in the business interests of this county, and if his achievements were characterized in a single sentence it could perhaps best be done in the words: The splendid success of an honest man, in whose career marked business ability and genuine public spirit are well balanced forces. He is a native of Sheldon, Vermont, and a son of Cortez F. and Helen (Carlisle) Fish, the former proprietor of a flour mill. The son pursued his education in the public schools of Akron and Shelby, Ohio, and in a private school at Gambier, Ohio. As he has proceeded in his business career his interests have broadened in extent and importance, and many prominent

industrial and commercial concerns have felt the stimulus of his energy and have benefited by his keen insight, sound judgment and unfaltering enterprise. He has manifested much of the spirit of the initiative in his business career in that he has not followed the paths that others have marked out, but has wrought along new lines, possessing the power and ability to shape varied interests into a harmonious whole. He is now the president of the National Electric Lamp Association, the Shelby Electric Company, the Shelby Printing Company and the Ohio Seamless Tube Company. He is also the vice president of the Shelby Telephone Company, the president of the Auto Call System Company and a director of the Shelby Water Company and the Citizens Bank. His position in business circles is indicated by the fact that he is now president of the Shelby Business Men's Association, being thus honored as a most prominent representative of the trade interests of his city.

On the 2d of March, 1892, Mr. Fish was married to Miss Anna M. Roberts, and they have three sons, De Forest R., Cortez Carlisle and John C., aged, respectively, fifteen, twelve and ten years. Mr. Fish is an independent republican, usually advocating the principles of that party, yet also allied with that independent movement which is one of the hopeful signs of the times, showing that business men are no longer content to be governed by machine-made polities, but desire a vote that shall be the expression of public opinion and an official service that will further the interests of the people at large. At the present writing he is serving as president of the board of education and is a stalwart champion of progress in intellectual lines. He belongs to both the Knights of Pythias and Elks lodges and is the president of the Colonial Club.

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#### THEODORE L. GARBER.

The agricultural and industrial interests of Richland county find a worthy representative in Theodore L. Garber, who is a native son of Jefferson township, his birth having occurred there August 9, 1845.

He was the eighth in a family of twelve children, nine boys and three girls, and was reared to the occupation of farming, assisting in operating the home farm during boyhood and youth.

His education was acquired in the district and Bellville high schools, which he attended a few winter terms, and he took the four-year Chautauqua course, graduating in the Pansy class of 1878.

He is a great reader and his home is always well supplied with the best literature. He taught five winter terms of school in Jefferson township and worked on the farm in summer.

He taught in 1868-9 in District No. 1, the average attendance being fifty-five in all grades. He chose for his companion and helpmate Martha Celestia Lee, who was born in Wyandot county April 7, 1851, a daughter of Ebenezer and Jane C. (Long) Lee, who moved to Richland county in 1852. Mr. Garber and Miss Lee were married October 4, 1869, and their union has

been blessed with seven children: Lee, who was born April 14, 1871, and died on the 10th of September following; Elbert Glenn, born June 20, 1872; Lloyd M., born April 27, 1876; Harry Zeyn, born November 10, and died November 29, 1882; Mabel C., born July 24, 1879; Louise, born March 24, 1884; and W. Carlton, born December 20, 1887.

E. Glenn, eldest of the family now living, was educated in the district school and Bellville high school, after which he attended and graduated from the Spencerian Business College of Cleveland. He taught two terms of winter school and worked on the farm in summer.

In 1890, in partnership with his father, he established the Valley Farm Creamery on his father's farm. It prospered so well that in 1892 it was moved to its present site in Bellville. In 1896 they bought the Bellville electric light plant and are running it in connection with the creamery. He is the efficient manager and half owner of both plants and has an excellent reputation for fair dealing and quality of creamery products.

He married Miss Grace Swineford in September, 1902, and they now have a son and daughter, Paul S. and Margaret. He is identified with the Universalist church and Grange and supports the prohibition party.

Lloyd M. was educated in the district and Bellville high schools and taught winter terms for several years. He bought a half interest in the hardware store of Remy & Kochheiser and is doing a successful business as junior member of the firm of Kochheiser & Garber, Bellville. He married Susie Oberlin, had a son, Ray, who died in September, 1903, in his second year. He is a member of the Universalist church, of the Knights of Pythias and is town treasurer. Mabel C. was educated in district and Bellville high schools; spent one year in Buchtel College, Akron, and at Ashland College. She taught three years in country schools in Ashland county and one each in Bellville and Loudonville Union schools. She married Rev. William H. Beachler, and they have a son, John Russell. They are now located in Meyersdale, Pennsylvania. Louise attended the district school and Bellville high school and is at home.

W. Carlton, who attended the district school and graduated from the Bellville high school at seventeen years of age, is at home engaged in teaching and farm work.

Theodore L. Garber has been a member of the Universalist church since 1865 and has served many years as the superintendent of its Sunday school. He is now and has been for many years a trustee and deacon and held the office of treasurer of the Ohio Universalist convention for two years. He was a charter member of Jefferson Grange and has held many of its offices and is a trustee at present. He has been a member of Richland County Pomona Grange ever since it was organized and has held the office of master frequently. He has been president of the Richland County Farmers' Institute for several terms, held the office of treasurer of the Ohio Mutual Cyclone, Tornado and Wind Storm Insurance Association for two years and is treasurer of the Federation of Mutual Insurance Associations of Ohio now. The Federation is composed of one hundred and twenty-one associations, carrying risks amounting to over \$200,000,000.00. He succeeded his brother, J. L.

Garber, as secretary of the Patrons Mutual Relief Association of Bellville January 4, 1892, and holds the office now, and is its treasurer also, having been elected to that office on the 1st of October, 1901. At the time he took charge there were five hundred and eight members, carrying risks to the amount of \$1,080,442. On January 1, 1908, there were two thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight members, carrying \$6,102,426.00 insurance. His duties in this office occupy all of his time except what is necessary to oversee the farm operations.

He began housekeeping in October, 1870, where he now lives, eighty rods north of Gatton Rock station, on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

The house he now occupies was built in the spring of 1870 and rebuilt in 1902. It is a comfortable habitation, arranged with furnace for heating water on both floors, has bath room, and is supplied with natural gas for light and fuel. The main barn was built in 1888, to which there has been several additions, until the farm is unusually well supplied with buildings.

He is a progressive farmer, having built the first silo in the county and he raised the first alfalfa and soy beans. He was the first to make the milk business in Bellville a success; used the first farm cream separator, the first manure spreader, and hitched his gas engine on his horse hay fork in 1906.

His special pride is in the increasing fertility of his farm and in his family.

The Garber-Leedy settlement is situate in the southern part of Jefferson township. The locality was formerly called "Leedy's Swamp," but the swamp is now a thing of the past, for as the country was cleared and drained what was once a swamp is now rich, arable land.

The Leedys, with their kinsmen, the Garbers, are a numerous people, and the Leedy Association, which holds annual reunions, has a membership of over seven hundred. As a people the Leedys and Garbers are agriculturists. Several, however, are ministers, and one—Aaron Leedy Garber—is a publisher and author as well as a minister. A few of their number are politicians, and one—John Leedy—has been governor of the state of Kansas.

As a people the Leedys and their kinsmen are upright, honorable and prosperous and have done much to give tone and character to the township in which they live.

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#### CLAYTON C. WAGNER.

Clayton C. Wagner is the most prominent young business man in Mansfield. He is the son of John W. and Melinda (Cook) Wagner, and was born in Stark county, Ohio, August 21, 1862. Eighteen hundred and sixty-two was the second year of the Civil war, and the day the subject of this sketch was born a big war meeting was held in Massillon. Henry and Mary (Cox) Wagner, grandparents of Clayton C. Wagner, were natives of Pennsylvania, but emigrated to Ohio and settled in Stark county at an early day. Henry Wagner was of German and his wife of Irish descent. Henry Wagner was a potter by trade, but directed his efforts in other directions after

coming to Ohio. He primarily located in Columbiana county, where he entered the employ of the McKinleys, ancestors of the late President McKinley. Some years later he removed to Canal Fulton, Stark county, where he became general manager of the merchandising, forwarding and commission business of John Robinson. Mr. Wagner was a man of integrity and spotless character and one of devotion to duty and consecutive industry.

John W. Wagner, the father of the subject of this sketch, passed the boyhood days of his life in the village of Canal Fulton, where he was born. His educational privileges being such as were then afforded in the common schools of that section and period. At the early age of fourteen years he became a driver on the Ohio & Lake Erie canal, and the sturdy boy who thus trudged his way along the towpath of that primitive, though then important, "artery of commerce" found that his ambition reached out for higher pursuits, and at the age of seventeen he secured a position as salesman in a hardware store conducted by his father's employer, and he continued to be thus employed until 1862, when he was enabled to buy the stock and good-will of the business, which he carried on successfully until the fall of 1870, when he disposed of the same to W. G. Myers and removed to Canton, where he engaged in business successfully until 1873, at which time he removed to Mansfield and became associated with E. J. Forney, under the firm name of Wagner & Forney, and bought the hardware stock of John Reed. In 1882 Mr. Wagner purchased his partner's interest in the concern and continued the business successfully until 1891, when he admitted his son Clayton to partnership, whereupon the firm name of Wagner & Son was adopted. The further growth and expansion of the enterprise rendered expedient the organization of a stock company, and in the year 1896 the Wagner Hardware Company was incorporated, with John W. Wagner president and Clayton C. Wagner vice-president, and the company has become one of the fixed features of Mansfield's business enterprises and one of the largest concerns of the kind in north central Ohio. Being progressive and public-spirited, Mr. Wagner extended his interests in other directions, and in 1884 assisted in the organization of the Mansfield Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he became president. He also became a director of the Citizens National Bank of Mansfield and of the Humphreys Manufacturing Company, and also owned fine farms in both Richland and Ashland counties.

Clayton C. Wagner succeeded his father and continued the business very successfully, who, although not seeking the applause of the world, has pursued the even tenor of his way and has attained a social and financial standing and a business record that is alike creditable to himself and the city of his home. Having a thorough, practical and technical training in the hardware business, his keen sense, youthful enthusiasm, and ambition, which combined with his fine managerial gifts make him a successful business man.

Clayton C. Wagner came to Mansfield with his parents in 1873, when he was eleven years of age, and this city has ever since been his home. He attended the high school and later graduated from an eastern business college. He was on the road as a commercial traveler for the Wagner firm for several years.

Mr. Wagner was united in marriage with Miss Mary Jenner, daughter of Judge and Mrs. J. W. Jenner, of Park avenue. His wife died a few years after their marriage, and after having been a widower for about five years Mr. Wagner married Miss Lucy Stine in 1908. The bride is an accomplished lady and the daughter of a prominent Mansfield family.

In politics Mr. Wagner is a Republican. Fraternally Mr. Wagner is connected with the Masonic fraternity. The hardware firm of which Mr. Wagner is the head holds a conspicuous position in our city. The business has had a steady growth year after year, which shows the ability and enterprise back of it, and the increasing trade of the establishment is the best indication and recommendation for the high standing of the firm and its method of doing business.

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#### JOHN J. MCPHERN.

John J. McPhern, who is now filling the position of custodian at the courthouse in Mansfield, is numbered among the native sons of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and came to Richland county, Ohio, in 1866. His parents were John and Rosanna (Snyder) McPhern, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state, but in their later years lived in Ohio. They were of Scotch-Irish descent. Their family numbered eight children, four sons and four daughters, of whom one sister is now in Maryland and one brother in Pennsylvania, while the others are residents of Richland county.

John J. McPhern acquired his education in the public schools of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and came to Richland county in 1866. He had previously served for a time as a soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted as a member of Company E, Seventeenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, in 1864 under Captain William Tice. The company was attached to the command of General Phil Sheridan and participated in the battles of Fisher's Ridge and Cedar Creek. With the other members of the company Mr. McPhern spent much time in guarding supplies and fighting guerillas including the troops under Mosby. He was discharged at Cloud Mills on the old battle field of Bull Run. He was also at Petersburg and Appomattox and in the Shenandoah Valley campaign and saw active and arduous service but never faltered in his loyalty to the Union as he followed the stars and stripes through the south.

Upon locating in Mansfield Mr. McPhern began working at the carpenter's trade and later engaged in the lumber business in which he continued until 1894 when he retired from that work and accepted the position of custodian at the courthouse. He is now capably serving in that capacity and his work has the endorsement of all public officials there located.

Mr. McPhern was married to Miss Mary E. Stone, a native of Ohio and resides at No. 59 Park avenue east. He is a member of the Congregational church and also belongs to the Grand Army Post thus maintaining pleasant relations with his old army comrades. In matters of citizenship he has

always been loyal and progressive and he is well known in this city where for forty-two years he has made his home, during much of this period being an active business man.

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#### S. N. FORD.

Among Mansfield enterprising business men S. N. Ford is prominent and he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished for he started out in life with little to aid him in the way of educational training or financial assistance. He soon learned to know that hard work and persistency of purpose constitute a safe foundation on which to build success and as the years have gone by he has labored with diligence and determination to gain the present enviable and honorable position which he now occupies. He was born on a farm in Washington township, one of the six children of John and Harriet (Barnes) Ford. His parents were of Scotch-English descent but both were natives of Ohio. S. N. Ford acquired his early education in the country schools, the little temple of learning in which he began his studies being a log schoolhouse. The advantages which he received were somewhat better as the years went on and after he left the army he benefited by a course of instruction in the Lexington Seminary at Lexington, Ohio. He was but a youth when in response to the country's call his patriotic spirit was aroused and he joined the army, enlisting as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Sixty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Cockley, of Lexington, Ohio. He did active duty with the Eastern Army under Grant in the operations around Petersburg and Richmond and although he was frequently under fire he displayed a valorous spirit and undaunted loyalty equal to that of many a veteran of twice his years. When the war was over and the country no longer needed his aid Mr. Ford at once returned to the north and, as stated, continued his education in the Lexington Seminary.

Starting upon an independent business career in the fall of 1869, Mr. Ford purchased a lumber business in Mansfield, Ohio, and began the manufacture of lumber, sash, doors and blinds. This business has enjoyed a wonderful growth, Mr. Ford remaining always as its chief executive officer and active in its control. He is now engaged in the manufacture of almost everything known to the trade including lumber, sash, doors, blinds and interior furnishings and even builds street cars. The trade has now reached mammoth proportions and the house with its extensive interests stands as a monument to the enterprise, keen discernment and business ability of Mr. Ford. He has been extensively engaged in lumbering both in Kentucky and Michigan, operating a band lumber mill in the Cumberland mountains of Kentucky for fifteen or sixteen years. A man of undaunted enterprise and notable resources he has also been a factor in the conduct of other business interests, being now president of the Mansfield Street Railway, Light and Power Company, of the Humphreys Manufacturing Company, the

Phoenix Electric Company, the Mansfield Telephone Company and the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Insurance Company. He forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution and the methods which he has instituted in his business career have been such as have won for him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates.

Mr. Ford was married in 1868 to Miss Elizabeth Cook, of Lexington, Ohio, and they now have a son and daughter: Hoyt, who is managing the interests of the Phoenix Electric Company; and Ada, a practicing physician of Mansfield. Mr. Ford owns the block at the northeast corner of the public square and has there erected a beautiful residence. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, is also identified with the Masonic fraternity and in that order has attained the Knight Templar degree. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and is prominent in the Odd Fellows society, having held every office in the local lodge. His business career is one marked by steady advancement and is another illustration of the fact that it is under the pressure of necessity and the stimulus of opposition that the best and strongest in men is brought out and developed. From a humble beginning he has steadily worked his way upward, utilizing the means at hand to the best advantage, and his life is an illustration of the fact that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously for, in his life, business enterprise, unflagging activity and unassailable integrity have been well balanced forces.

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#### MICHAEL D. HARTER.

Michael D. Harter was born at Canton, Ohio, April 6, 1846. His life was one of great activity. Before he was of age he established the banking house of George D. Harter & Brother, of Canton. Before the age of twenty-three he became treasurer and manager of the Aultman-Taylor Company of Mansfield, removing to this place in 1869. He there established the Savings Bank and was a director in many large affairs of interest to the town. In Canton he was a partner in the banking business of Isaac Harter & Sons, and he established and was to the time of his death president of the Isaac Harter Milling Company of Fostoria. With all his private affairs occupying his time he never turned a deaf ear to a cry for help, giving not only freely of his means, but advice, influence and work. The tariff question and the one of honest money was to him a burning question and his life in congress was devoted to this. In his own party few at that time stood with him but none doubted his courage and honesty. Much in political life was a trial and at the end of two terms he declined another nomination and came home in 1895, worn out, and died February 22, 1896.

His success in life was largely due to his unselfishness and belief that in all men good could be found. Treachery sickened and saddened but never made him bitter. He had great personal magnetism and in his public speaking had the art of making the dryest subjects clear and interesting. At the

end of twelve years his family are still learning of his great benefactions. These were known only to himself and the one benefited, and one is safe in saying that the whole will never be known.

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#### HENRY A. ENZOR.

Henry A. Enzor was born June 12, 1849, in Butler township, Richland country, Ohio. His parents were David H. and Mary (Gribble) Enzor, who came from Pennsylvania to Ohio, and settled in Butler township in 1833. While en route from Pennsylvania to Ohio the parents of the subject of this sketch witnessed the historical phenomenon of the "falling stars," which occurred on the night of November 13, 1833, when lights resembling stars were seen falling for three or four hours. The appearance was like a shower of stars.

Butler township had many attractions for the pioneers, the surface was generally level and its soil had every appearance of fertility, which caused a fair proportion of the newcomers to settle in that township, and subsequent events showed that their choice was wisely made. The pioneers of Butler, as well as those of other townships, were people of heroic virtues. The situation forbade much attention to other matters than to work and clearing up the land and in founding homes. The active life of the men who made civilization possible had but little time for educational pursuits. They made history, but they did not write it. The flourishing condition of Butler township and Richland county is the result of the labors of the pioneers—the men who toiled for our betterment, not knowing whether succeeding generations would even be informed of the names of those who cut down the forests and cleared the land. But historical works rescue from the past, preserve and record on the pages of history, not only the names of the pioneers, but descriptions of the life they led, the good results, adventures and exploits of the men of the pioneer times, and these records will be more fully appreciated by coming generations than it is by the people of today.

David Enzor being a farmer, his son, the subject of this sketch, was reared upon a farm and in starting out for himself was well qualified to follow that line of pursuit. His education was obtained in the common schools of the district in which he was reared.

David Enzor and wife were industrious in their day and reared their children to industrious habits. The parents were prominent in their life and by their death the community was deprived of two good citizens.

Henry A. Enzor was married in 1872 to Miss Sarah Keck, who died in October, 1880. In 1893, Mr. Enzor married Miss Ida M. Bricker, of Mansfield, and to these unions five children were born, of which four are living. Shortly after Mr. Enzor's second marriage he bought a farm in Springfield township, four miles west of Mansfield on the Millsborough road. His farm is finely situated and his residence and grounds are the most attractive of their kind in Springfield township. His older children are married and living

in Cleveland, and are doing well. One child, an attractive little girl, is yet left in the home of the parents. A son died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Enzor are members of the Christian church of Mansfield. His parents were also of the same faith, and were baptized by immersion by Elder John Reed, a pioneer preacher of the Christian church, who often held services at the Enzor home.

In politics, Mr. Enzor is a democrat and believes in the doctrine of Thomas Jefferson that "That government is best that governs least."

Among all classes and in every condition of life the struggle for a livelihood is ever going on and there are often numerous trials and hardships to overcome before the top of the ladder of financial success is reached, and the success of Mr. Enzor, financially and otherwise, is a compliment to his exertions and ability. The fact that he has gained the respect and confidence of the community is accounted for by his right principles and his interest in the welfare of those around him. He has a strictly honorable business record and is noted for his fair dealings with all with whom he has business relations. He is truly a self-made man and energy and perseverance are no better illustrated than in his career. He began life with the ability with which nature had endowed him and his prosperous condition at the present time is an appropriate reward for his industry of the past. It is said that circumstances in life will make or mar to a certain extent the life of any man, but that a determined spirit will bend even the force of circumstances to its will. The past life of Mr. Enzor verifies this statement, and furnishes abundant proof of the saying that which is better than silver or gold, a good name gains added luster, and that the sterling qualities of character are strengthened in the combat of life.

Mr. Enzor is a courteous gentleman, kind, affable and obliging, and is popular with his neighbors.

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#### HON. HENRY C. KOOKEN.

Henry Clute Kooken was born September 3, 1836, in Ashland county, Ohio. He is the eldest of his parents' family of thirteen children, of whom only three still survive, namely: William H., Jr., of Alabama; Louise, the wife of William Fulton, of Lucas, Ohio; and the subject of this sketch.

Henry C. Kooken was married, September 25, 1862, to Miss Mary E. Pearce, a daughter of Louis K. and Elizabeth C. (Driskell) Pearce. Mr. and Mrs. Kooken are the parents of six children, as follows: Landon M., Esther Cedelia, Luella Victoria, Elizabeth Elnora, Mary Pearce and Louis K. Landon M. was born July 25, 1863, and on August 14, 1888, married Miss Lamira A. Purdey, by whom he has two children, namely: Landon M., Jr., born June 16, 1889, and Ruth Elnora, born January 2, 1902. Esther C. was born July 29, 1864, and married Dr. J. D. Purdey, October 18, 1887. Dr. and Mrs. Purdey have two children: Pledge Kooken, who was born September 30, 1890, and died October 6, 1891; and Marietjee DaLee, born March 24, 1892. Elizabeth Elnora, born August 22, 1867, married Albert Coul, August

14, 1882, and has had three children: Irene Ryford, born December 29, 1883; Ella Eva, who was born August 29, 1885, and died March 19, 1892; and Albert Ralph, born May 28, 1888. Louis K. Kooken was born August 25, 1878. Luella Victoria and Mary Pearce died young.

William Hills Kooken, the father of our subject, was born October 7, 1810, and died April 1, 1888. Susan Devenbaugh, called by some of the early ancestors of the family Derfenbacher, was the mother of our subject. She was born in 1808 and was married to Mr. Kooken in 1836, and, as before stated became the mother of thirteen children. Her parents were Daniel Devenbaugh and Ann Maria Kooken. The original name came from Lord Devenbeaux, of France, whose descendants fled from their native country to Germany at the time of the Huguenot persecution and came thence to America with some of their co-religionists. Daniel Devenbaugh and Maria Kooken were married in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and were the parents of ten children, but the family records were destroyed by fire about the time of the beginning of the war of the Revolution. Their ten children are now all dead. The name of the grandfather of the subject of this sketch was Casper Devenbaugh, a son of the Casper Devenbaugh, who came from Germany to America in about 1740. The latter landed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and took the oath of allegiance to the British crown before setting foot on American soil, as was learned from the record of the port of entry, now in the office of the secretary of state in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The maternal grandmother of our subject, Ann Maria Devenbaugh, was a daughter of John Kooken, who was born in Philadelphia county, Pennsylvania. He was a son of Johannes Kooken, who came to America about 1720. On January 29, 1729, by vote of the general assembly of Pennsylvania, he was naturalized under English rule. Being then a citizen of Pennsylvania county, he was granted land and certain privileges under the Northern Liberties and William Penn's rights to the state of Pennsylvania. Marie Baker, whom Johannes Kooken married, was a daughter of William Baker and Marie (Penn) Baker. Her mother was a daughter of John Penn, son of William Penn, by his second marriage, to Hannah Callohill. Inasmuch as Johannes Kooken had married the granddaughter of William Penn, he had to be naturalized and be acknowledged by the general assembly of Pennsylvania, thus coming into possession of his land and other property and holding them under the ruling authorities of England and Pennsylvania and to the rights ceded to William Penn, the Free Traders Society and the Northern Liberties. He and his wife lie buried in the old Friends' burying grounds in the city of Philadelphia.

William Hills Kooken and his wife were first cousins. The former was a son of John Kooken, who was a son of John Kooken, and a grandson of Johannes Kooken and his wife, Mary or Marie Penn. William Penn was of the royal house of Tudor, his grandfather being John Tudor. William Penn was buried at Jordan's, near Beckersfield, Buckinghamshire, England, the graveyard being three miles from the London road, on the lands of a Lady Young. William Hills Kooken's mother was Margaret Hills, a daughter of William Hills and his wife, Susannah Engle. They were married in

Winchester, Virginia, prior to the war of the Revolution. They were both natives of England, the former having been born in the Parish of Kent. The Hills ancestors were named Jennings, Howe, Innes, Engle and Pennington. John Kooken, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, married a Miss Baker, who was a descendant of William Baker, who married a granddaughter of William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania.

This information having been subscribed to on July 9, 1900, by Henry Clute Kooken as handed down to him by his ancestors.

Mary E. Kooken, the wife of Henry C. Kooken, is a daughter of Louis Kenney Pearce and wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth C. Driskell. The former was a son of Stephen Pearce and his wife, Mary Kinney, she being a daughter of Louis Kinney and wife, Mary Williams. Louis Kinney was a son of Louis Kinney and his wife, Esther Dubois, a daughter of Joost or George Dubois, whose mother was a daughter of Louis XIV, of France. The Dubois family was noted among the Huguenots of France for their independence and intelligence, and fled from France to Holland at the time of the persecution of those of their religious faith.

Resolved Waldron came to America from Amsterdam, Holland, about 1645. He was a son of Baron Johannes Waldron, of Waldron Hall, of Amsterdam, and was one of the original patentees of the Harlem land patents under Governors Nichols and Thomas Dongan, under dates of 1666, 1667 and 1668, as shown by the official records in the office of the secretary of state at Albany, New York. Resolved Waldron married Miss Tannekee Von Nagle in New York City in 1654, and among their children were Ruth, born April 12, 1657, and baptized May 10 following. She married Johannes De La Mater, August 11, 1678, in New York city. Mr. and Mrs. De La Mater had seven children, the next to the youngest Marietjee, or Marie, being born in New Harlem, New York, July 9, 1696, and baptized July 26, 1696. Ruth De La Mater died in New Harlem, now New York city, in 1707.

Marietjee De La Mater was married to John Pearce, of Flat Bush, Long Island, June 13, 1716, and died near Aquanock, New Jersey, October 24, 1734. John Pearce died in New Harlem, June 3, 1744, and was buried in New Harlem cemetery. James Pearce, the eldest son of John Pearce, was born August 8, 1717, and was married to Sarah Van Horn, of Bergen county, New Jersey, January 19, 1742. Stephen Pearce, a son of James Pearce, was born May 19, 1764, and was married to Mary Kinney, August 29, 1787, and died in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1810. She died in Richland county in 1843 and was buried in the Perrysville (Ohio) cemetery.

James Pearce was married in Elizabeth, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1807. His wife, Sarah, died in Columbiana county, Ohio, and was buried in what was then known as the Bull Creek cemetery. They had ten children. The sixth child, Louis Kinney Pearce, was born June 19, 1797, and was married to Elizabeth Cedelia Driskell, September 19, 1833, the marriage ceremony being performed by Solomon Gladden, Esq., a justice of the peace, in and for the county of Richland, Ohio, as is shown by the records of said county. They had five children, namely: James McVey Pearce, born December 19, 1835, married Catharine Miller in 1898. Mary E. Pearce.

born October 9, 1839, married Henry C. Kooken in September, 1862. Sarah Sophia, born September 6, 1843, married William S. Banks; John Reed Pearce, born January 11, 1846, was married to Ethalinda J. Johnston. Louis Kinney, Jr., born May 11, 1848, was married to Lydia Jane Leppo.

Louis Kinney Pearce, Sr. died December 30, 1850, and his wife, Elizabeth Cedelia Pearce, died March 15, 1890. Both lie buried in the Ford cemetery in Washington township, Richland county, Ohio.

Mr. Kooken's father was a resident of Ashland county, Ohio, until his son Henry was past thirteen years of age. The family then removed to Richland county and settled four miles east of Mansfield, and here our subject's home was continued until after he had attained his majority. The father then removed to the Village of Lucas, where he engaged in the shoe business for several years. Later he removed to the southern part of the county, and there died. Our subject spent most of his boyhood years on a farm. He received a common-school education, and his first business venture was in the boot and shoe business, first at Lucas and later at Newville. In 1880 he removed to Mansfield, where he was engaged in the work of genealogical and biographical writing and in the insurance business. Mr. Kooken, wife and family are members of the Christian church.

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Since the above was written, the Kookens have removed from Mansfield to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where they are pleasantly and prosperously situated. The son, Louis P. Kooken, since their removal to Philadelphia, has been admitted to the bar and has a lucrative practice for a young attorney. He is soon to be admitted to the bar of the supreme court of the United States, with good prospects of being appointed to the faculty of the Washington Law College. He has a wife and one child.

Since removing to Philadelphia, Mr. Kooken has obtained other knowledge of his family history. Governor Charles Kooken, of Pennsylvania, was Henry C. Kooken's great-grandfather, and the Rev. John Kooken, first rector of the Church of the Ascension at Norristown, Pennsylvania, was also a kinsman of the subject of this sketch. Mr. Kooken's eldest daughter, Mrs. Esther C. Purdey, who had a reputation as an artist ere she left Mansfield, has further advanced in that line, and her drawings are quite popular with the residents of the Quaker City.



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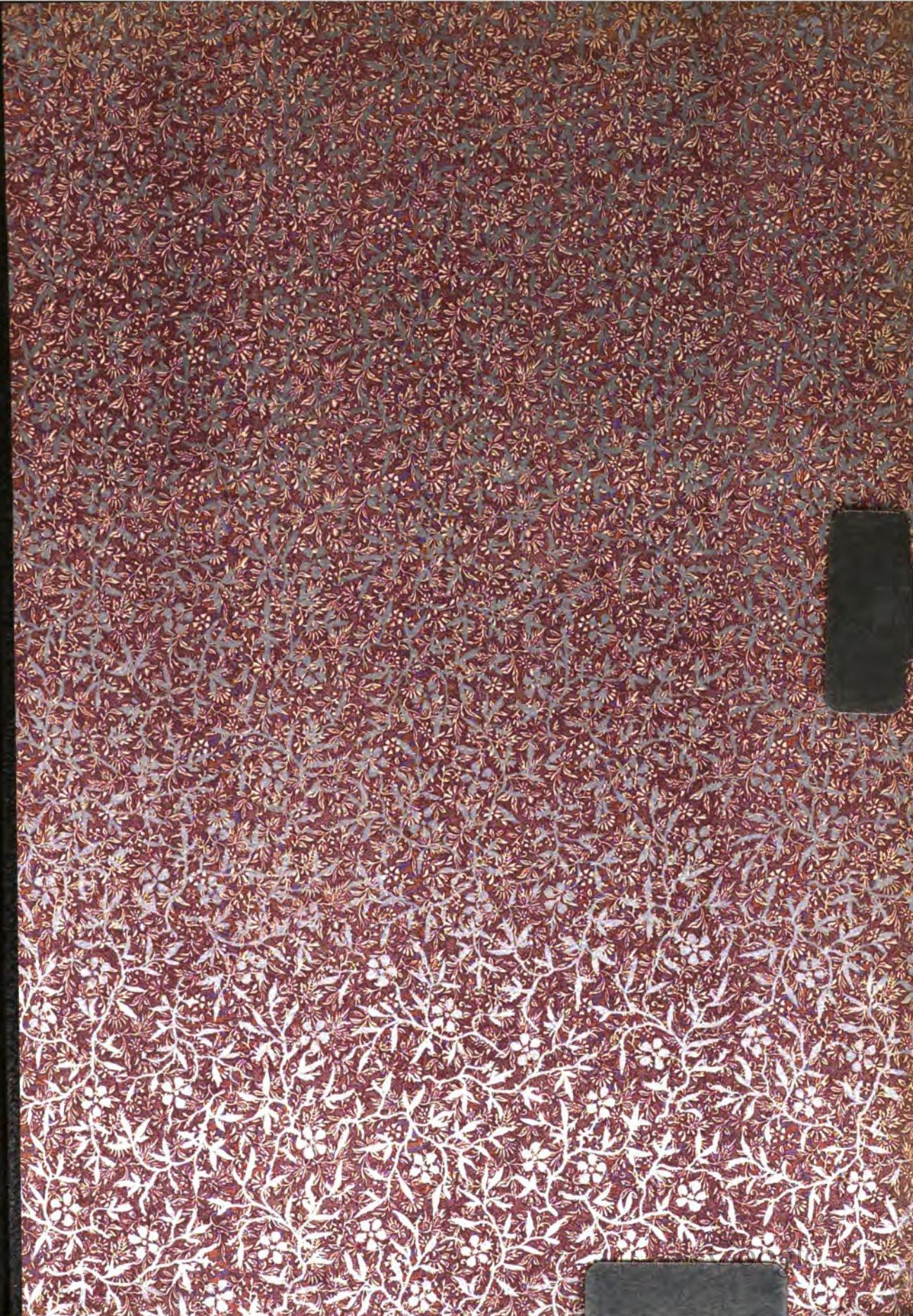












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